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## RUSSIANS IN MANCHURIA ORDERED TO LEAVE.

### CHAOS IN CHILE.

RUN ON CENTRAL BANK.

MILITARY PLOT.

London, Apr. 7.  
Messages from Santiago de Chile indicate that the political situation there is grave following the abandonment of the gold standard.

Martial law was ordered throughout the country last night following a serious run on the Central Bank.

A military plot to capture the Presidential Palace has been discovered and Congress is sitting in secret session to consider the situation.—*Reuter*.

### HOHENZOLLERN POLITICIANS.

Ex-Crown Prince & Presidency.

FATHER'S BAN.

Berlin, Apr. 7.  
How the ex-Crown Prince's candidature for the German presidential election was quashed by the ex-Kaiser, is revealed in the Monarchist newspaper, *Fredericus* to-day.

The article states that the leaders of the National Opposition approached the ex-Crown Prince and asked him whether he was willing to stand for nomination. He expressed willingness for his own part, but said he would prefer to refer the matter to the ex-Kaiser at Doorn. The ex-Kaiser refused permission.

It will be recalled that there were widespread rumours a month ago that the ex-Crown Prince would join Hindenburg's rivals.

Prince August's Nomination.

The interest now being taken by the ex-Kaiser's sons in German politics is further shown by the fact that Prince August Wilhelm, the fourth son, is numbered seven in the electoral list of the Nazis for the Prussian Diet elections, which take place on April 24.

This is equivalent to becoming a Deputy in the Prussian Diet in which he will be the first Hohenzollern to sit.—*Reuter*.

### OLDEST ENGLISH PEER.

LORD NORTH PASSES AT 96 YEARS.

London, Apr. 8.  
The death has occurred of Lord North, at the age of 96 years. He was England's oldest Peer, and his godmother was Queen Adelaide, wife of William IV.

The eleventh holder of the title, which was created in 1564, Lord North succeeded thereto in 1884. He owned about six thousand acres of land.

The heir is Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. P. J. North, who was born in 1860. He joined the Norfolk Regiment at the outbreak of the Great War, serving with them in France, where he later commanded the 25th Royal Fusiliers.—*Reuter*.

### INDIAN CONGRESS DEFIANT.

PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE.

Allahabad, Apr. 7.  
Despite the Government's decision prohibiting the annual session of the Indian National Congress, Pandit Malaviya, the veteran National

### PLOT THICKENING

THOUSANDS APPLY FOR VISAS.

CONFLICT WITH JAPAN THE FEAR.

### SOVIET'S BELIEFS.

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

HARBIN, Apr. 8.

FOLLOWING THE ORDERS FOR THE MOBILISATION OF SOVIET FORCES IN THE TRANS-BAIKAL AREA, RUSSIAN RESIDENTS OF MANCHURIA ARE LEAVING THE COUNTRY IN THOUSANDS.

AS far as the western line of the Chinese Eastern Railway is concerned, it is learned that all Soviet citizens and their families have been ordered to evacuate as soon as possible.

The situation is regarded as critical, for the actions of the Soviet Government can only be interpreted as the result of a fear of conflict with Japan. Although the Soviet's relations with Japan are at present, apparently, friendly, the mobilisation order and the subsequent developments all point to a belief in Soviet official circles that friendly relations with Japan cannot last.

The Soviet Society of Aviation and Chemical Defence is reported to be organising a more serious militarisation of its 12,000,000 members.

IN Harbin, more than two thousand applications for visas have been filed with the Soviet Consul by Soviet citizens who are desirous of leaving Manchuria, "while the going is good."

The situation is being watched by foreigners with the greatest anxiety.—*Reuter*.

### ALLEGED POISONED SWEETS.

YAUMATI RIOT SCENES.

A minor riot, with a most unusual origin, occurred at Yaumati last night, when a large crowd gathered in front of a Chinese candy shop at 486, Shanghai Street and began to stone the premises.

Earlier in the evening, it appears, three young children had purchased sweets from the shop, and shortly afterwards, they were removed by their parents to the Kwong Wah Hospital, having been taken ill through some poisonous substance which is alleged to have been present in the candy.

At about 8 o'clock a crowd began to congregate in front of the store, their interest having been excited by the story, and the affair assumed a serious aspect when the crowd became threatening.

The shop folks hurriedly put up the shutters and barricaded themselves in the shop while a hail of missiles rained on the closed doors.

An Emergency Unit called to the scene quickly restored order, and the crowd dispersed.

The three children taken to hospital are Leung Yuk-nan (9), a girl; Leung Kam (6) her younger sister; and Leung Ping-shung (4), a boy. Their conditions are not considered serious.

ist leader, in a statement to the press, said it was hoped that the Conference would be held at Delhi on the 24th instant.

He added that the preparations for the Conference would proceed.—*Reuter*.

### CARGO THEFTS MYSTERY.

HEAVY LOSS TO SHIPPERS.

Antwerp, Apr. 7.  
A series of mysterious thefts, involving losses running into thousands of pounds, and occurring at a variety of places, have caused the police to issue a warning to world ports in the belief that an international gang is at work.

The particular bent of the gang is the pillaging of the cargoes of steamers bound for Australia, America and Japan. Enormous losses have been suffered in recent months.

At Antwerp, eight arrests have been effected, two of the culprits being women. It is alleged by the police that the prisoners were discovered emptying packing cases of their contents and filling them up with ashes to allay suspicion of tampering.—*Reuter*.

### TRADE ADVISERS FOR OTTAWA.

T. U. C. INVITED TO CO-OPERATE.

London, Apr. 7.  
The Dominions Secretary, J. H. Thomas, to-day informed a deputation of the British Committee on Empire Trade that the Government had decided to appoint trade advisers to the United Kingdom delegation attending the Ottawa Conference. The deputation expressed its gratification and promised its assistance and co-operation.

Mr. Thomas later invited a deputation from the Trade Union Congress to nominate two representatives to accompany the United Kingdom delegation.—*British Wireless*.



The Prince driving.

### THE PRINCE ON THE LINKS.

BEATEN IN FOURTH ROUND OF R.N. HANDICAP.

London, Apr. 7.  
After winning his first three matches, the Prince of Wales was defeated in the fourth round of the Junior Handicap knockout competition in the annual meeting of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Golfing Society at Sunningdale to-day.

The Prince was eliminated after a great struggle with Surgeon Commander Cameron, who won on the last green by one hole.—*British Wireless*.

### TEN ROUNDS WITH CARNERA.

MCCORKINDALE IN THRILLING FIGHT.

London, Apr. 7.  
At the Albert Hall to-night, in a ten rounds contest, the South African champion, McCorkindale, went the full distance with Primo Carnera, the Italian giant.

It was a fight full of thrills and the Italian gained the decision on points.

Champion in Trouble.

It was learned to-night that Al Foreman has been deprived of his lightweight title for refusing to comply with certain regulations of the Boxing Board of Control.—*Reuter*.

### WHEAT QUOTA BILL.

PASSES HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Apr. 7.  
The essential part of the Government's scheme to relieve the depression in the agricultural industry was carried through to-night when the House of Commons passed, by 398 votes to 58, the third reading of the Wheat Bill.

The Bill establishes a quota for foreign wheat and gives a guaranteed price for British growers.—*Reuter*.

### AGREEMENT ELUSIVE.

THE FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE.

DECISIONS TO BE POSTPONED.

London, Apr. 7.  
The Four-Power Conference is coming to an end in London to-morrow with no prospect of an agreement before adjournment.

The announcement does not mean that negotiations have broken down. The issues are to be taken up again, probably at Geneva, where the delegates will meet next week at the Disarmament Conference.

The Committee of the heads of the conference found itself evenly divided. Two of the Powers were prepared to arrive at an agreement immediately. The other two, while willing to advance matters as quickly as possible, were unable to give definite replies on some of the points raised.

More Information Needed.

It is believed that a unanimous agreement is still possible, but information is required which will take more than a few hours to collect.

The main point of discussion is stated on good authority to be the suggestion that certain Powers should waive their rights under the most-favoured-nation clauses of their treaties with the Danubian States.

It is understood that the Committee agreed in principle that the Danubian States must be placed upon a self-sufficing basis and that the help given must be such as to enable the States to develop without further outside assistance.

Self-Help.

There was complete accord that mere outside help would not be sufficient to prevent the States from collapsing and that the States themselves must reach an agreement in regard to their future welfare.

It appears that Italy and Germany contended that the Conference would be valueless unless the Danubian States were represented thereon and it was claimed that both Italy and Bulgaria should be included in the Danubian States.

The opinion was also expressed that many other countries are interested in the trade of the Danubian States, the interests of which are so complex that no proposal would suit them all.

Official Communique.

The following communique was issued after to-day's sittings: The Committee appointed by the Four-Power Conference yesterday sat both this morning and this afternoon at the Foreign Office and examined in details the main proposals put forward at the Conference. A Report of the proceedings will be made to the Conference at its meeting to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

It is understood that during to-day's long discussions, the delegates found problems arising which some of the Governments represented require to consider further before committing themselves to any definite attitude.

Consequently, the Conference will to-morrow adjourn, arranging to resume at a later date, possibly at Geneva, or, if more convenient some other continental centre.

One Agreement.

The adjournment is not likely to be of long duration because all the four powers are agreed at least upon the urgency of the Danubian problem.

Meanwhile, the Governments will be able to study the questions at issue in relation to their own individual interests and in the interval, further information and data—not as to the disposal of (Continued on Page 7.)

### FOREIGN AID IN CHINA.

POLICE FORCE IDEA AGAIN MOOTED.

BRITISH ATTITUDE.

London, Apr. 7.

The suggestion that a solution for the chief of China's ills is to be found in the appointment of foreigners as the directors of a new policing organisation has again been made by a foreigner.

On this occasion, an attempt was made to place the proposal on an official basis by a question in the House of Commons.

The policing of China by the League of Nations in order to stamp out bandits was urged by Mr. E. Macquistan, a Conservative M.P. in the House of Commons to-day.

He proposed that small police forces recruited from various members of the League should be selected, each to operate in a prescribed area.

China's Initiative Needed.

Captain Anthony Eden, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied that Sir John Simon was not prepared to propose the scheme. The initiative in a matter of this kind obviously rested with the Chinese Government.

Mr. Macquistan's suggestion that many potential police leaders for China were willing to serve without pay brought a reiteration of Captain Eden's reply.—*Reuter*.

### LECTURE ROOM TRAGEDY.

ABSENTMINDED ACT CAUSES DEATH.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Apr. 7.

The ghastly result of professional absent-mindedness was described at the inquest at Liverpool to-day into the death of a science-master, Mr. James Foote.

Mr. Foote was lecturing a class at the Walton Junior Technical School in the laboratory.

Apparently he felt thirsty and picked up a glass and drank its contents. He swallowed a beakerful of acid in mistake for water and fell down writhing in agony, dying within seconds.

The inquest was adjourned.

### AMERICA'S 22,000 BANKS.

SUGGESTED UNIFIED CONTROL.

New York, Apr. 7.

A scheme to bring all of America's 22,000 banks under Federal control is being formulated by Mr. Eugene Meyer, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, as a result of a recent agreement between Mr. Meyer and Senator Glass, Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee.

Mr. Meyer recently expressed the view that many failures of small banks would have been avoidable if there had been a unified system of control.—*Reuter's American Service*.

### STICKING IT OUT.

SIR RICHARD SQUIRES WON'T RESIGN.

London, Apr. 7.

It is reported from St. Johns, Newfoundland, that Sir Richard Squires has announced that he has no intention of resigning.—*Reuter*.



Captain Frank Hawks, who was critically injured in an air crash yesterday.

### HUMAN BULLET INJURED.

CAPTAIN HAWKS CRASHES.

(Reuter's Special Service).

New York, Apr. 7.

"The Human Bullet," as Captain Frank Hawks is popularly known on account of his extraordinarily consistent speed flights, is lying in a critical condition at Worcester, Massachusetts, as the result of a serious smash. One of the most famous speed pilots in the world, he has been remarkably immune from accident, but to-day his record-breaking machine failed him and crashed.

Hawks was dragged unconscious from the wreckage. His face had been badly crushed and his skull is injured.

Captain Hawks holds the American trans-continental air record while he flitted between European capitals last year at speeds which made the ordinary air mails seem like post-chaises.

### ANTIQUITIES OF BETTING LAW.

ANOTHER ROYAL COMMISSION.

London, Apr. 7.

The probable appointment of a Royal Commission to make a comprehensive survey of the laws relating to sweepstakes and lotteries, was announced in the House of Commons to-day by the Home Secretary, Sir Herbert Samuel.

He said it was generally agreed that serious difficulties existed in the way of enforcing the present law regarding sweepstakes and lotteries. Events in the last two years had brought this to the notice of the authorities and the public. There were difficulties in connexion with the enforcement of the law relating to street betting, and the totalisator, and from time to time new developments arose, such as betting on motorcycle and greyhound racing.

The Government had decided that revision of the law was needed and steps should be taken for the appointment on a Royal Commission with wide terms of reference as soon as possible.—*British Wireless*.

### SILVER LOWEST FOR SIX MONTHS.

ONLY SLIGHT DROP IN DOLLAR.

A decline of 3/16ths in London has brought the price of silver to a lower level than for six months past. The general belief is that even lower rates may be seen.

In London, speculators sold while China bought at the decline. After the official fixing, the market ruled steeper, chiefly due to absence of sellers.

New York reports a decline of 3/8ths.

The local dollar has dropped 1/8th to 1.25/8d., the fall, however, not being in ratio to the decline in silver prices. The market is inclined to be easy.



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## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

### BY-LAWS RELATING TO SPITTING APPROVED.

#### PLAYGROUND ISSUE.

There was a small agenda at a meeting of the Legislative Council held yesterday, when by-law and amendments made by the Sanitary Board relating to the measures taken with regard to spitting were approved. A short correcting Bill to amend the Medical Registration Ordinance was read a first time, and a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to opium was read a second and third time and passed.

Mr. W. H. Bell took the Oath of Allegiance and his seat in the Council as an Unofficial member in place of Mr. C. G. S. Mackie.

The Attendance.  
His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.) presided, and there were also present:

The General Officer Commanding (Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.).

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.).

The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E.).

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. E. H. Hallifax).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. Edwin Taylor).

Hon. Mr. H. T. Crenay, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. T. H. King (Acting Inspector General of Police).

Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (Retired) (Harbour Master).

Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical & Sanitary Services).

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K. C.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kewell, C.M.C., L.L.D.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Bragg.

Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., L.L.D.

Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell.

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau.

Mr. R. A. C. North (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

Spitting By-Laws.  
The Attorney General moved, "That the by-laws and amendments made by the Sanitary Board under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on 10th March, 1932, relating to spitting, water, manure, laundries, bakeries, houses, fruit preserving establishments and dairies be approved." He said: Under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, the Sanitary Board is empowered to make by-laws with regard to a number of subjects. Under section 17, all by-laws made by the Board have to be submitted to the Governor and are subject to the approval of the Legislative Council. The new by-laws, now submitted for approval, deal with the prevention or control of expectoration in aerated water factories, bakeries, dairies, food preserving establishments and laundries. These new by-laws prohibit spitting in these establishments except in spittoons provided for the purpose, and require the licensees or registered proprietors of the premises to keep their spittoons continuously disinfected, and to see that they are properly cleaned daily at the close of business. They also require persons not to spit on the floor. These by-laws were made by the Board on March 16 and I now move that they be approved by this Council.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the resolution was carried.

Medical Registration Ordinance.  
The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled, "A Bill to amend further the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884." He said: It is a short correcting Bill and is explained by the memorandum of objects and reasons attached to it.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Opium Ordinance.  
The Attorney General moved the second reading of a Bill intitled,

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## CONTRACT BRIDGE.

By W. E. McKenney.

Secretary, American Bridge League.

There is no question that ace showing has some advantages when properly used, but it is undoubtedly the most dangerous system for the beginner to attempt.

When this system is being used, it is very difficult to show a two-suit hand without getting the bidding extremely high. Your partner is in the same predicament—he may have support for your suit and also have a strong suit of his own, but the contract may get too high for him to show it. Our readers, however, should familiarize themselves with ace showing so that they may be able to compete it when used against them.

The following hands illustrate both ace showing and the showing of void suits:

Hand A	Hand B
North	North
S—A-10-6-4	S—J-9-7-4-2
H—K-Q-J-5	H—None
D—None	D—A-Q-J-8-4
C—A-Q-J-9-4	C—Q-8-4
South (Dealer)	South (Dealer)
S—K-Q-J-9-5	S—A-K-Q-8-5-3
H—A-6-2	H—A-5-3
D—8-7-4	D—K
C—K-7	C—A-K-2

Hand A.  
South bids one spade. Although he West hand is not shown, let us assume that West bids two diamonds. North, who is void of diamonds and can see slam possibilities, bids three diamonds, informing partner that he has no losing diamonds and has normal support in spades. This requires partner to start and show aces.

We will assume that East passes ranking ace. As he holds neither the ace of diamonds nor the ace of clubs, he bids three hearts. North then bids four clubs to show the ace of clubs. South bids five clubs showing the king of clubs. After partner has shown an ace, there are times when it is advantageous to show a king, as in this particular hand.

It is now very easy for North to see a grand slam. His partner has told him that he holds the ace of hearts and the king of clubs—he must have held the king and queen of spades to have an original bid. North therefore goes to seven spades, bidding for the grand slam.

Hand B.  
South has four probable losers in his hand—two hearts, the king of diamonds and the deuce of clubs, but he is justified in opening the bidding with a two-suit demand bid. The West hand is not shown, but we will assume that West bids three hearts. North would bid four hearts, again informing partner of slam possibilities, no losing hearts, and normal support in spades.

South would then start to show his aces. As his lowest ace is the ace of clubs, his proper bid is five clubs. North would then show his ace of diamonds by bidding five diamonds. It is now quite easy for South to see the grand slam. With no losing hearts in his partner's hand, and with the information that he holds the ace of diamonds, he can readily see that he can ruff two hearts and discard his losing deuce of clubs on partner's ace of diamonds. He therefore bids seven spades.

It must be remembered that ace showing does not start until after one of the partners has made a forcing bid and both play-



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ers have agreed on the same suit. In both of the above hands, you will notice that North made a forcing bid by bidding the opponents' suit. This can only be done under the ace-showing system when you have normal support for partner's suit. In other words, you set the suit and show void suits at the same time. In to-morrow's article we will show examples of hands where ace showing is used and still only a game contract arrived at.



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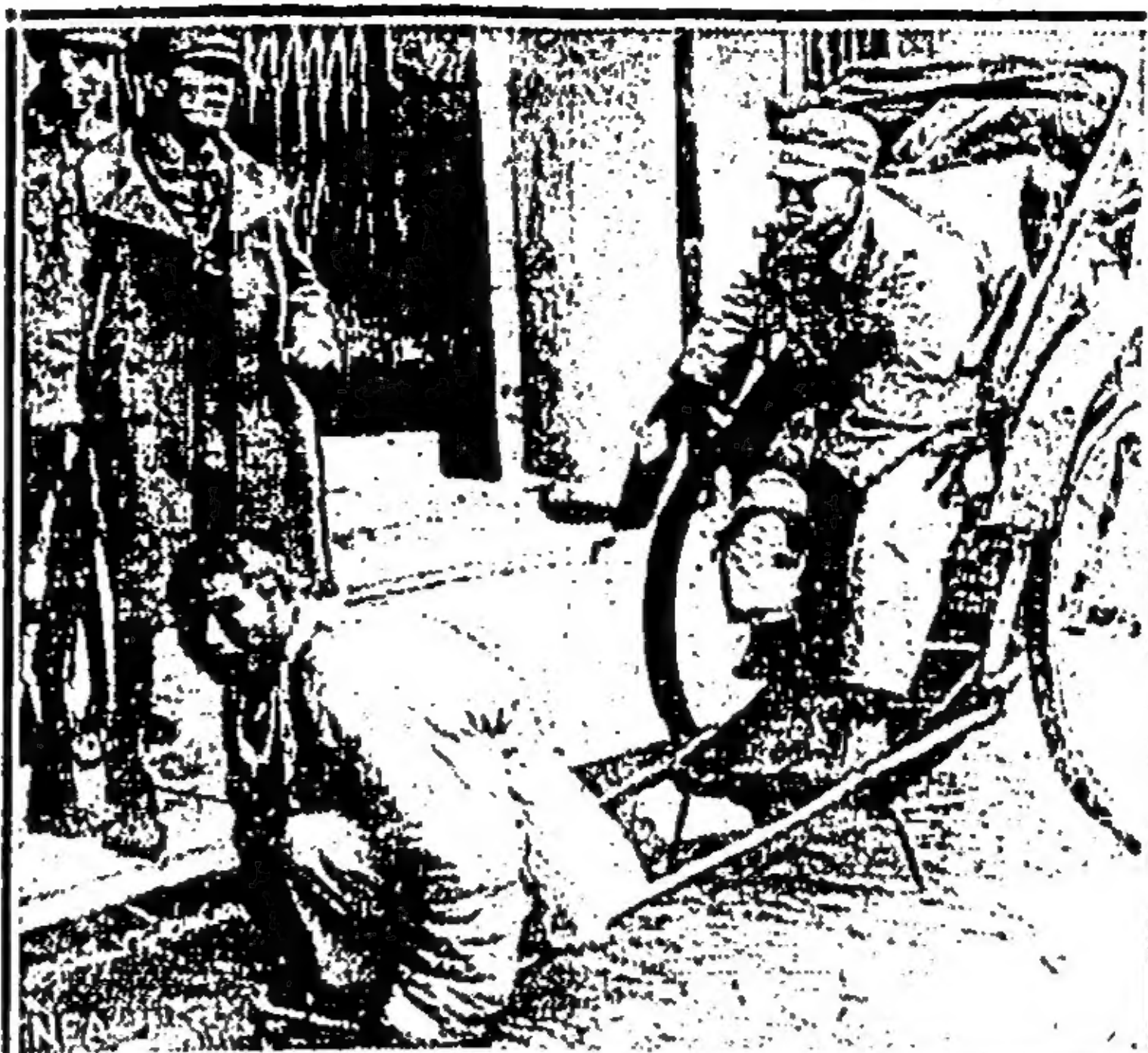
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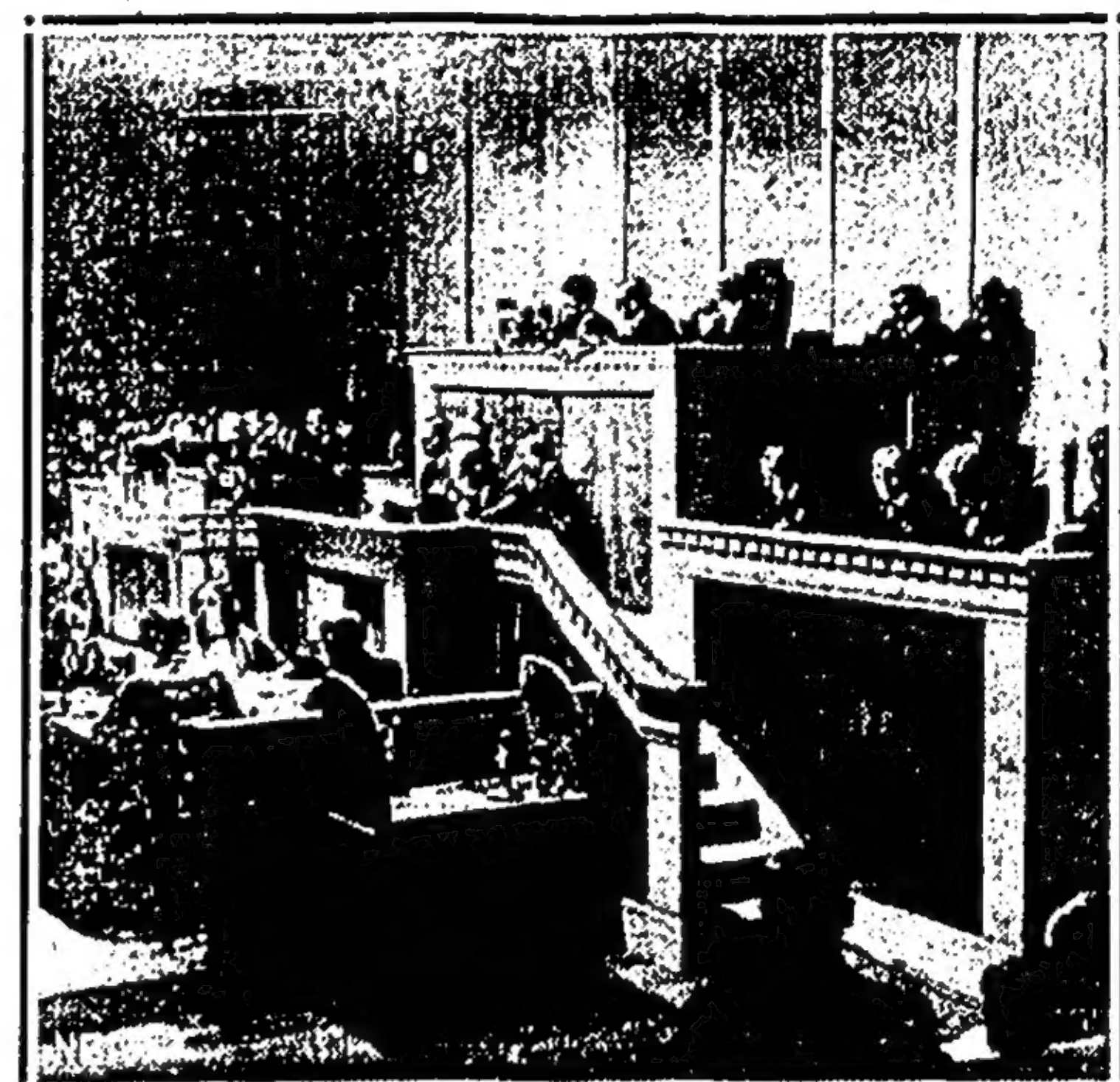
This is war. Fields strewn with the bodies of the dead. Gaping shell-holes. Once fertile terrain converted into a dumping ground for spent ammunition. The grim scene is embodied in this picture, taken on Manchurian plains in the wake of the relentless Japanese campaign against Ting Chao's forces.



With a bullet-shattered leg, a boy soldier of China is shown above as a rickshaw brought him to a hospital in Shanghai.



Provided the Sino-Japanese trouble continues, there may be Chinese air force reinforcements of trained Chinese-American pilots. These youths are studying flying in many places. Photo shows a group of students at Portland, Ore., with their instructor. All belong to the Chinese Aeronautical Association of America.



Delegates to the world disarmament conference in session at Geneva.

## The dime-a-dance girl

BY JOAN CLAYTON

### CHAPTER I (Continued)

Among classified advertisements, ranged in pencil, was a call for dancing instructors. She knew Dreamland. She had passed it often on her way to work. And, although she had never been inside, she knew that "dancing instructor" was a polite name for a girl hired to dance with unattached men at a small payment for each dance—a taxi dancer. They did, in fact, call those girls taxi-dancers.

"The best part of it," her mother continued breathlessly, "is that you might meet a really nice man that way. I can't imagine why girls as pretty as my two haven't flocks of rich men trying to marry them. When I was young it was certainly different."

Ellen was uncomfortable as she was always uncomfortable when her mother talked that way. But Myra was frankly angry.

"New York isn't Ireland," she said flatly. "Rich men may grow on bushes there, I don't know. But rich men in New York marry rich girls. They don't meet any other kind. If you're thinking that Ellen might meet John Astorbill at Dreamland, Mother, it just shows you don't know such places. The only result of Ellen's trying to work at night as well as all day would be that she would break down her health. And then where would we be?"

Molly Kossiter smiled mysteriously and, with characteristic optimism, overlooked all drawbacks.

"You can't tell how such things will happen," she remarked, still smiling. "I met your father in the most unexpected way. If we both hadn't happened to be at the same place that one night we'd never have met at all."

"It was at a dance, too," she concluded triumphantly.

Ellen laughed. "Don't try to marry me off so soon," she pleaded. "After all," she added, "I'm only 20. I might be touring Europe with my husband by the time I'm 21."

"I was married at 17. And Myra here—"

"Yes, I've been engaged to Bert ever since I was 17—nine years," Myra conceded bitterly. "And perhaps by the time I'm 70 we'll have enough money so that he and I can hobble to the altar."

The very blackness of the picture she drew was irresistibly funny. All three of them burst out laughing. For a moment they were like children and Molly Kossiter was the youngest of the three.

When Ellen succeeded in dragging Mike from the bathroom and his book, when they were all seated at breakfast, the subject arose again. Where was the \$60 for rent coming from?

"It was due last Tuesday and

this is Friday," offered Molly.

She had half forgotten by now that the money had been dissipated by her fault. Ellen was willing she should forget it. But not Myra.

"I'll go to Mr. Farnham and explain," she said, her lips straight, her eyes stern. "We just have to cut down on everything till we get the money again. But one thing's sure—Ellen, can't carry two full time jobs."

"I'm not sure," Ellen began.

"It's all wrong," Myra fiercely stopped her. "Mike could make as much selling papers after school as you could dancing all evening."

"Mike can't do that," Molly burst out in alarmed haste. "He's carrying double school work now. You know what your father would have said."

"He might have said something about Ellen's working in a cheap dance hall, too."

It was an old difficulty, Molly's partiality for her only son. She was pathetically anxious that he should miss nothing because of his father's death; pathetically anxious that he should have what other boys had. To that end she was willing to make any sacrifice. She saw no reason why her daughters should not do the same.

Before Myra's indignation could force a real quarrel, Mike himself clamorously interrupted. He was wildly eager for the freedom of the corner news-stand and for the chance to earn his own money. But Ellen entered a firm denial and his protests died. He knew he could not get around Ellen. She looked sharply at his eyes, heavy with fatigue.

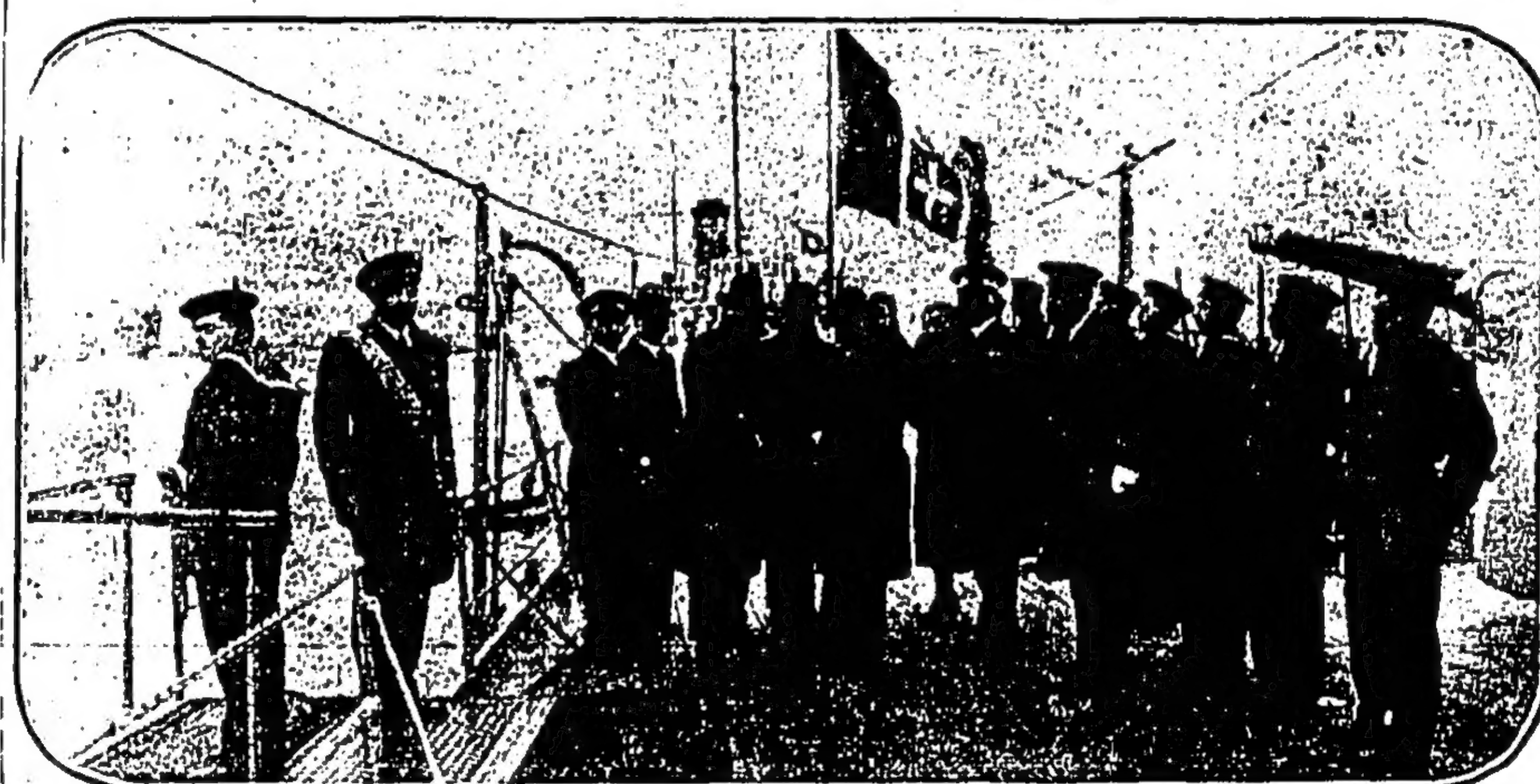
"Did you go to bed at nine last night?" she demanded. Mike and his mother exchanged a guilty look.

"He was in bed," said Molly hastily.

She and Mike shared the same bedroom. Ellen knew then that Mike had persuaded his mother to leave the lights burning while he studied. But she was too tired to bring that up. She folded her napkin, tucked it into the heavy silver ring left over from better days, and rose from the table.

"I'll go to noon to see about getting that job," she announced in a tone that settled the matter. "I dance well enough so there shouldn't be any trouble. There's no use arguing, Myra," she said to her sister. "There's a limit to cutting expenses. We've reached it. We can't cut down any more without giving up eating entirely and the rent must be paid. I can carry both jobs, until we catch up."

"I knew that was the thing to do," said Molly in deep satisfaction. But a moment later she added wistfully, "I'm sorry, Ellen,



Photograph taken on board the Italian gunboat Libia during a visit by Italian Consul Officials. Left to right in the centre group are—Vice-Consul Count Giorgio del Bono, Consul Count Ciano di Cortellazzo, Barone Sardi, and Dr. Venturini.

that things are so hard for you. But I still think that at Dreamland you might—"

Ellen checked her. "Don't be so romantic so early in the morning, darling," she begged and wished again that Molly understood things better.

Molly reached out and touched her son's curly head.

"When you get through school you'll make us all rich, won't you, son?" she asked. "Then our troubles will be over."

She really believed this. Mike, wriggling with pleasure, bursting with pride, believed it, too. But as Ellen looked down at her 12-year-old brother she thought the time when they would all be rich was a long way off.

Myra and Ellen were fonder of each other than sisters usually are. They were proud of their friendship and glad to be together. Both of them worked a great deal harder than most girls and because of their mother's childish irresponsibility they had early been forced to take up the burden of keeping the family together.

Myra at 26 had all the maturity that Molly would lack at 66. That morning after breakfast she dressed quickly so she could walk the three blocks to the subway with Ellen. All her indignation spilled out again as the two linked arms and walked along Pine street, cruelly shabby in the hot summer sunshine. She felt a fierce, burning, helpless rage that her young sister should miss so many of the pleasant things of life. She felt also a fear that Ellen at 20 would step into the same blind alley she herself had stepped into at 17.

Nine years before she had fallen in love with Bert Armstead. She still loved him. But his job at the library where they both worked was almost a poorly paid do," said Molly in deep satisfaction. But a moment later she added wistfully, "I'm sorry, Ellen,



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Jeddus Krishnamurti, the Hindu student, who has renounced theosophy, saying that since growing to maturity he has "drifted away" from the idea that he is "the Voice of the Great Teacher."

She felt she could not bear to see Ellen start in the way that she had started; to see Ellen lose the freshness of her love as she waited for an impossible \$350 a week to climb to a possible \$50. She feared what Molly had innocently hoped for—that Ellen would meet someone at Dreamland. But she tried to hide that fear.

"It makes me furious," Myra began fiercely, her blue eyes blazing. "That you should have to take this job, work yourself to death just because—"

"Roo!" Ellen scoffed. "I'm not an old lady. It might be a lot of fun, you never can tell. It would be grand if you didn't have to work nights at the library and we could both go."

"It's not fair at all," Myra persisted unhappily. "Not fair that you should miss so many of the things other girls have. Theatre parties and clothes and dances, dinners at the right places."

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## DEATH.

MOGRA.—On April 5, at the Canton Sanatorium, Canton, Thelma Mogra, beloved wife of K. E. Mogra, Shameen, aged 19.

The  
Hongkong Telegraph

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1932.

## RETRENCHMENT.

The report of the Retrenchment Commission, admirably conceived and drawn up though it is, will not command the attention that it would have done, and which it deserves, had it been made public at an earlier date. It was in July, 1930, that the Commission was appointed, and it took until May of the following year to conclude the very thorough investigations and commit to paper the conclusions reached. When it is remembered that no fewer than ninety-nine meetings were held, and that the whole Government machinery of the Colony had to be closely scrutinised, it will be agreed that the Commissioners did remarkably well to present their report inside a year of their appointment. On the other hand, there is no reason of which we know why the Government could not have expedited publication. Its commentary, dealing with the issues raised, is dated October last, yet we have had to wait a further six months before even knowing what the Commission recommended.

The first thought which strikes us after reading through the report and commentary is the immensity of the task to which the Commissioners set their hands. It is one thing to make vague and general criticisms of the Colony's administration, but quite another to probe into every department and sub-department, to fasten on the weak spots, and to suggest sensible reforms. This is what the Commission had to do: a truly colossal task. The work has been amazingly well done. The Government itself, while not agreeing with all the proposals put forward, would, we have no doubt, concede that point. On the whole, the investigators appear to have had the willing co-operation of the Civil Service, although in the case of the P.W.D. it is put on record that some of the witnesses were merely

reticent, while others were frankly obstructive. On this point, the Government is silent. Speaking generally, the Government appears to have shown a disposition willingly to accept such recommendations as it considers to have been reasonable, although in some instances proposals have been turned down without any very satisfying reasons being adduced. The opposition to the suggested fixing of exchange for sterling commitments, to name only one, is a case in point. On the whole, however, the official attitude has not been unreasonable, and there are some instances in which the Government has made out quite a good case for declining to comply with specific recommendations. The biggest problem with which the Commission had to deal was undoubtedly the task of endeavouring to indicate where decentralisation would be possible, especially in the C.S.O. and the P.W.D. Many valuable proposals were put forward in this connexion, while in insisting that heads of departments and sub-departments should be entrusted with a greater measure of responsibility the Commissioners went to the root of much of the circumlocution in administrative affairs in this Colony. There is far too much passing on of responsibility in our Civil Service. Pertinent points are also made in regard to the method of keeping accounts, in which respect it is noteworthy that the Government says nothing of the strictures passed.

It is impossible in the space at our command to go more fully into the report at the moment, but it is at any rate gratifying to know that as a result of the labours of the Commission the Government has accepted economies involving close on three lakhs of dollars, to say nothing of others which cannot be expressed in terms of dollars and cents. To sum up, the investigators were entrusted with a most unenviable task. They have discharged it in a manner worthy of the highest praise. The community owes them its gratitude for an exacting job well done.

## Disarmament and Employment.

In support of pleas for world disarmament, a conclusive case can be made out from the economic, military, historical and moral standpoints. If nations agree, if political difficulties can be reconciled, it is admitted that all-round reductions of fighting forces are technically possible. As an attraction to the heavily burdened taxpayer, the broad suggestion of a 25 per cent. reduction of expenditure on armaments is calculated to appeal, apart from the question of lessening the risk of future wars. So far disarmament has everything to recommend it to the community at large. But it will not bring unmixed blessing to everyone. While obviously, "the greatest good to the greatest number" must be the prime consideration of organised society, no nation, however, can neglect its responsibility towards the citizens who will lose their present livelihood, and whose families will be threatened with the spectre of want as a consequence of disarmament. The British League of Nations Union initiated expert investigations into this problem of disarmament and unemployment, under the direction of a former Financial Secretary to the War Office. Early in March, it organised a Conference at the London School of Economics. It was found that the issues to be faced, in essence if not in scope, are similar to those which must inevitably accompany all schemes for industrial rationalisation. In the past, all applications of scientific development to industry have caused temporary dislocation and unemployment. Actually, of course, in connexion with disarmament, the dislocation has already started in a small degree. Naval cuts have displaced a certain number of workers and have indirectly affected shopkeepers in shipbuilding centres. The British problem, of course, has been on an infinitely smaller scale than that which confronted Germany after the War when the Allies imposed compulsory disarmament. At the great Krupps works, fourteen factories employing 47,000 workers were involved. About 12,000 pieces of machinery had to be destroyed, and others converted to new purposes. Yet the Krupps factories were able to go over to the manufacture of an infinite variety of peace-time articles. At

## DAY BY DAY

ONE OF THE SUREST ELEMENTS OF POLITICAL SUCCESS IS THE FRIENDSHIP OF YOUNG MEN.—A Master of Balliol.

The Ben Line s.s. Banlawers, from Home via Straits, in due here on the 18th instant from Penang.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel will be at Home to The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Duppy this afternoon at 4.30 p.m.

The Right Reverend C. R. Duppy, Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong is sailing for England on Saturday, April 9, by the P. & O. S. S. Corfu. He will leave by launch from Queen's Pier at 11 a.m.

Yu Yuk-ching, aged 5, living at Larch Street, Mongkok, was taken by her parents yesterday to the Kwong Wah Hospital, where she died, having been fatally burnt, when, playing near a spirit stove, she accidentally upset it and her clothing caught fire.

"Behind Office Doors", now showing at the Queen's Theatre, featuring Mary Astor, Robert Ames and Ricardo Cortez, is a story of the love of two girls for one man. He, a flattered and pampered individual, is depicted as oscillating in his affections, and wanting in gratitude until faced with a business crisis when the way to true love is pointed out to him. The story lags in parts, but there is plenty of humour.

## SUGAR MARKET.

## THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Penfrenth and Co.

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(No quotations).

The League of Nations Union's Conferences, well-known experts put forward proposals for dealing with unemployment in connexion with disarmament, including conversion of existing factories, introduction to new industries, the establishment of training centres for displaced workers, the payment of compensation where necessary, colonial development and the extension of trade facilities. It was emphasised that the money saved from reduction of armaments should not pass immediately into the pockets of the taxpayers, but should be partly used to prevent distress among the affected workers. One thing that is evident is the need for deliberate and conscious planning. Any nation which can plan beforehand for the emergencies of war should be capable of making adequate provision for the emergencies of peace.



"No, no, Johnny! Let's not put our feet in the nice man's face."

## LOCAL TENNIS FARCE.

IS CHRONIC APATHY OF CLUBS  
TO CONTINUE?

By "Netcord"

Hongkong tennis clubs are possibly not aware of it: yet it is so obvious. They have been staging a big farce, in two acts. The first revealed unbounded enthusiasm over a project to give a new impetus to local tennis: the second act covered the chronic apathy when asked to put into effect this project. If only they would make up their minds in which of the two they desire to be believed!

This attitude is difficult to excuse, or even explain. In 1930, the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association was reorganised, with two main objects: firstly, to assume proper control over the game in the Colony in a manner befitting its title and implied status; secondly, to acquire means by which to carry this into effect. The former was dependent on provision of the means, which is still unfulfilled. But true to the instructions given by its members (i.e. local tennis clubs affiliated) the L. T. A. set about the task of finding a "home" for the Association and its members, on which could be staged and organised the principal tennis events.

## The Only Doubt.

It was a difficult task: a severe ground shortage in Hongkong left the Association with no alternative but to seek a site in Kowloon. In this the clubs acquiesced. A site was discovered. Of this the clubs were duly informed and on January 9, of this year, the Council of the Association unanimously recommended the adoption of a scheme which provided for the leasing of a piece of ground in Chatham Road, Kowloon. The members of the Council had before them full details of the project, with architect's plans, and estimates. At the same time it became evident that the Association, to carry out the scheme properly, would have to be incorporated, and that a debenture list would have to be opened to provide the money necessary for the work.

The one doubt expressed was whether the site was not too exposed to the high winds from Lyemoon Pass. It was a point worth consideration, and consideration it was given. But subject to this, the proposals were received with enthusiasm, inviting a confident belief that the Association's programme was meeting with the full approval of its members. Further indication of this was given at an extraordinary general meeting of the Association on January 25, when again the scheme was carefully outlined and appeals were made to the members to express their views, particularly if they were contrary-minded. But again a unanimous opinion in favour of it was expressed.

## Apathetic Reaction.

Then followed an appeal to the clubs (by circular letter) asking them to intimate to what extent they would be prepared to support the scheme by taking out debentures. Surprising though it may seem, the waving of enthusiasm dates from the despatch of this letter.

Came the annual general meeting of the Association at the end of last month, when the fear that the Association had been lured in-

to a sense of false optimism regarding the attitude of the clubs proved to be justified. From the expressions of opinion given then, the earlier efforts to discover the attitude of the clubs, had, to all intents and purposes, been entirely wasted, and a ludicrous position arose when the Secretary was instructed to circularise all clubs asking them, once again, whether they were, or were not, in favour of the scheme.

The clubs have got to make up their minds. It is a simple enough question, requiring a simple reply. Either the clubs demand that they do not want a permanent ground for championship tennis. The L. T. A. not even required to stake a claim, or, if they do, they do not want a ground? And if so, are they in favour of the suggested site in Kowloon?

## Complete Indifference.

The clubs must not act as though they are being rushed into something which has been kept close secret. They have all the facts before them: can inspect the ground whenever they desire, have ample chance to weigh up the pros and cons, and need not be afraid that if they turn the project down as it stands, that they are being disloyal to the Association.

They must realise, if they haven't done so already, that the L. T. A. exists in their interests. It has no axe to grind. Its executive is the unpaid servant of the clubs, and its duties are to control and work for the welfare of the game in the Colony.

The present proposals, which form a definite attempt to realise the chief necessity of the Association, need careful consideration, but latterly the clubs appear to have displayed complete indifference.

Is the Association to abandon the project without even knowing the feelings of its members? That is the question which confronts its officers, who have received practically no assistance from those whose interest should be even more lively than that of the L. T. A. officials.

## The Alternative.

In reading their decisions, clubs have one or two things to consider. If the Association does not take the opportunity of securing the present site, what is the alternative? A ground on the Island is out of the question, the important consideration being that it must occupy a central site. A ground at Aberdeen or Causeway Bay would be useless. There is no available land in the city or even its nearest outskirts, making it imperative to seek a venue somewhere in Kowloon.

The suggested position is not an ideal spot. It promises many disadvantages, but it is at least within reasonable distance of the Star Ferry and can be reached by bus and ricksha. In this respect it is just as accessible, and perhaps even more so, than the Kowloon Cricket Club. And if this site is not secured, where is the Association to find a ground, by which alone it can carry out the chief object of its existence?

Is it to be forced into the position of the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association, which "boasts" only one court, and possesses that only through the courtesy of the French Club, which reserves it for the use of the Association. Must it go, say to the Kowloon Cricket Club (and where else?) with a cap in hand, and beg the reservation of a court (naturally upon conditions), and from there attempt to put into effect its objects?

## This or Nothing.

The L. T. A. is in the unfortunate position of having reorganised itself and embarked upon a programme several years later than it should. All the most suitable plots of land have been taken over, and the Association finds itself in the unenviable position of a beggar who can't be a chooser. So far as can be seen, it is the Chatham Road site or nothing if the L. T. A. is to have its own ground, with full control over its use.

Other than this it will have to beg or borrow a court, or courts, from a club in the position, and willing, to sacrifice any part of their ground, or falling this—and the alternative has to be faced—it will have to abandon entirely any hope of assuming effective control over tennis in Hongkong.

For these reasons, it is vital that the clubs should determine without further waste of time, whether or not they desire the Association to go on with the project. It will be a bitter disappointment to the L. T. A., if its members turn the scheme down, but even this is to be preferred to silence and indifference.









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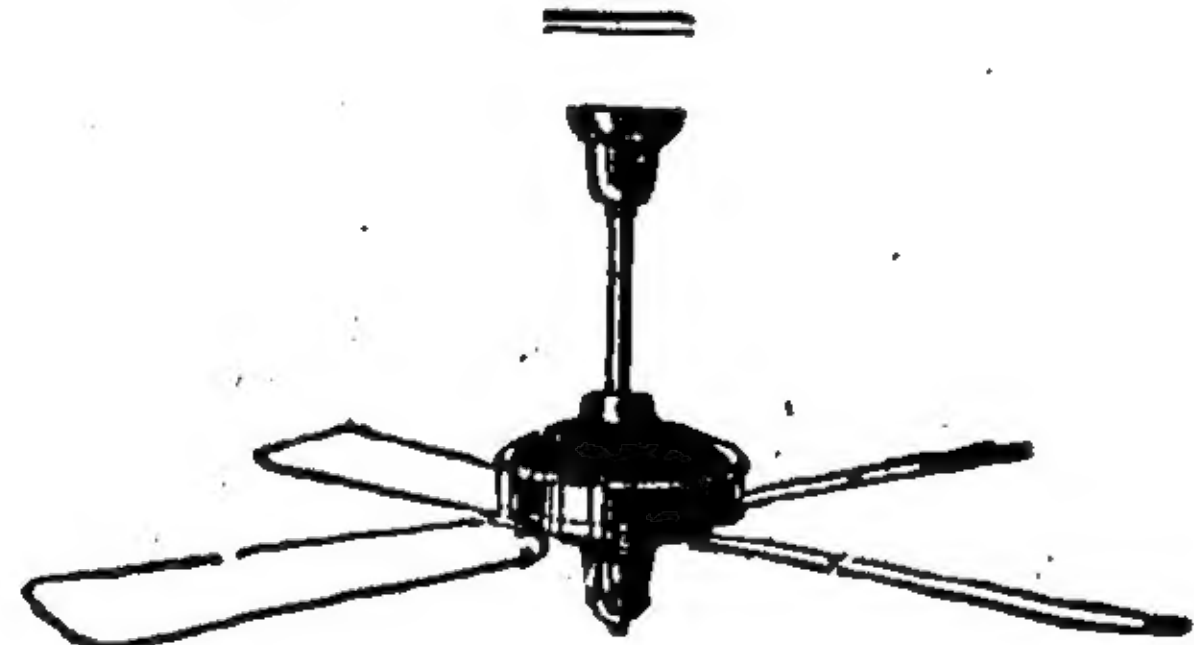
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Civil Service C.C. ground to-morrow:  
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F. M. el Arculli, M. el Arculli, A. K.  
Ismail, S. Ismail, M. P. Madar, K.  
Nazarin, A. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Sufiad  
and A. S. Sufiad. Reserve—A. T.  
Barnin.

#### The Rest Team.

The Rest will be represented by the  
following players:—H. E. Strange,  
Capt. and S. Randle (Civil Service),  
F. E. Lawrence and F. S. W. Smith  
(Kowloon C.C.), R. S. W. Paterson  
(Hongkong C.C.), T. R. Hunter  
(Police), J. W. Leonard (Craig-  
gower), Cp. Meehan (Royal Engineers  
and Signals), C. E. R. Clarabut  
(University), Pte. Ronan (S. W.  
Bordeners) and A. Prata (Club de  
Recreation). Reserves: D. R. Kilbee  
(Hongkong C.C.), B. R. Baker  
(Police) and F. G. MacGowan (Civil  
Service).

### BRUTAL BANDITS.

#### THREAT TO CUT OFF EARS OF RUSSIAN CAPTIVE.

Harbin, Apr. 7.  
The horrible fate of having both  
ears cut off awaits a prominent  
Russian merchant, M. V. Hoffman,  
if his captors do not receive a ran-  
som of \$300,000.

This threat is made in a letter  
to-day to the relatives of Hoffman,  
who was abducted on March 12 by  
a gang of robbers. All efforts to  
trace the captive have hitherto  
failed.

The letter declares that if the  
ransom be not paid, one of Hoff-  
man's ears will be cut off and sent  
to his relatives. If this "surprise"  
does not inspire payment of the  
ransom, then the other ear will be  
similarly despatched. —Reuter  
Morning Post Special.

### COMING SHORTLY TO THE QUEEN'S.



### TOUCH AND GO.

#### THRILLING 4TH SET DECIDES ISSUE.

#### WINNING PAIR.

Although the success of Fincher  
and Goldman in the open doubles  
championship yesterday greatly  
pleased the large gallery, making  
certain as it does their meeting  
with S.A. and H.D. Rumjahn in  
the final on Tuesday next, the out-  
standing feature of the game was  
the splendid fight made by Ho  
Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit, who, by  
no means overawed by the reputa-  
tion and previous demonstrations  
of the European couple, contested  
every inch and all but managed  
to force the issue to a fifth set.

The experience gained by the  
Chinese combination as a result  
of their visit to Shanghai last  
year, proved of tremendous value  
to them. While for three out of  
the four sets they were mainly on  
the defensive, so cleverly did they  
exploit this phase of the game,  
that it nearly proved their op-  
ponent's undoing. For the most  
part the Chinese concentrated on  
lobbing, but there were occasions,  
in the second and fourth sets,  
when they attacked with refresh-  
ing vigour and had Goldman and  
Fincher bewildered.

Ho Ka-lau's improvement over-  
head was a pleasing feature of his  
game, and if he could but have  
reproduced it in his ground strokes  
and volleying, the game might  
have been completely altered. Ho  
has largely forsaken his old style  
of smash and volley, when he  
used to jump to the ball and mere-  
ly push it over the net. He now  
"kills" with a definite stroke.

Yew Man-kit shone in the ser-  
vice line, and scored more points  
from this than by any other shot.  
Several times he completely beat  
Goldman with these fast going-  
away cross-court shots, while  
when they were returned they  
offered easy "kills" at the net.

Fincher was the more impres-  
sive of the winning pair, his  
covering of the court being very  
fine. Goldman enjoyed his flashes  
of brightness, but was distinctly  
below form and was hardly ever  
seen at his best at the net. The  
fact that Ho and Yew's tactics  
allowed Fincher and Goldman  
to maintain an offensive played  
an important part in their success.  
The winners took the first set at  
6-3, but by no means had things  
their own way, and it was not at

### DIOCESAN BOYS.

#### A NEW HEADMASTER APPOINTED.

Mr. C. B. R. Sargent has been  
appointed Headmaster of the Dio-  
cesan Boys' School in succession  
to the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, re-  
signed.

Mr. Sargent was a scholar of  
St. Catharine's College, Cam-  
bridge, where he took a First  
Class in Natural Science, and is  
at present Science Master at Wel-  
lington College, England.

It is expected that Mr. Sargent  
will be arriving in Hongkong  
during the early part of June.

It is surprising to find Ho and Yew  
retaliate to win the following  
set. The Chinese pair fell  
away rather badly in the third  
set, but subsequently the ex-  
changes brightened up consid-  
erably and eventually produced the  
best tennis of the afternoon. Ho  
and his partner actually broke  
through to lead 4-2, but Fincher  
and Goldman asserted themselves  
and recovered from a bad position.  
Games went with service, after  
some excellent rallies in the course  
of which all four players were  
seen to advantage, until the four-  
teenth, when the Kowloon men,  
benefitting from a doubtful deci-  
sion, broke through to win set  
and match.

#### The results were:

##### Open Doubles.

##### (Semi-final).

E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman beat  
Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit 6-3, 3-6,  
6-2, 8-6.

##### Club Championship.

##### (Semi-final).

A. L. Sullivan beat Y. V. Segalen  
8-6, 6-1.

##### Handicap Singles "A."

H. Foley beat J. Lecky 6-0, 6-3.

##### Handicap Doubles.

Rodger and Rodger beat Ferguson  
and Wilson 6-3, 7-5.

##### Handicap Mixed Doubles.

Redmond and Mrs. James beat  
Gordon and Miss Thomas 6-4, 6-4.

#### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

##### Open Singles.

##### (Semi-final Replay).

S. A. Rumjahn v. M. W. Lo (Stand  
Court, 4.15 p.m.).

##### Club Championship Final.

A. L. Sullivan v. L. Goldman.

##### Handicap Singles "B."

Beck v. Clarke.

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##### Handicap Doubles.

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## CATHEDRAL HALL FUNCTION.

REV. AND MRS. H. V. KOOP  
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A large number of friends and well-wishers gathered at the Cathedral Hall yesterday afternoon to say farewell to Rev. H. V. and Mrs. Koop, who are leaving Hongkong to-day after over four years in the Colony.

In opening his address to the assemblage, the Dean of St. John's Cathedral, the Very Rev. A. Swann M.A., D.S.C., said that he felt he must say something in recognition of Mr. Koop's efforts in the Colony. "The week has been rather a melancholy one for us," he said, "because we have lost to-day the Cathedral Treasurer, Mr. Sutcliffe, who is proceeding to Shanghai, and to-morrow Mr. and Mrs. Koop are leaving us. Next day, the Bishop and Mrs. Duggan will be gone. It will be rather a calamitous week for those who are left."

"I feel I must say something in recognition of the difference Mr. Koop has made to the life of the Colony during the past four years. I am afraid we will find very soon what a real loss the congregation will sustain, for Mr. Koop has been invaluable, enriching the services of the Cathedral, and in his attention to detail. He has helped in making changes to the building itself, and his preaching has been consistently thoughtful and very much valued by those people who have been able to listen to him. In connection with music, he has been in charge almost solely during the time he has been here. He has had the very arduous task of choosing the hymns, and has put very real thought into the work."

"It is hardly necessary to say what Mr. Koop has done about the St. John's Review. He has not only been editor, but has attended to the finances, and kept them on the right side."

"Both Mr. and Mrs. Koop have been very painstaking and hospitable in the way they have welcomed the large number of people, particularly the younger members of the congregation. They have made contacts with many people of the different departments and have seen many missionaries and entered into their life. Sick visiting has been regular and painstaking, and I know that Mr. Koop has been very helpful to the sick."

"I think their departure is going to be a very great loss, and feel sure that everyone will agree with me in this. I wish them every happiness in the future, both in the ministry and home."

**Sentiments Endorsed.**  
Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., in the course of a brief address, endorsed most sincerely the remarks made by the Dean in praise of the friends who were shortly to leave. "We are very sorry indeed that they are going away, and are also sorry to think that there are poor prospects of their returning."

On behalf of the subscribers of the Goodwill Farewell Fund, Sir Henry, amid applause, presented a cheque to Mr. Koop, and assured him that both Mrs. Koop and himself carried the best wishes of all for their future happiness.

Master Jones made a charming speech on behalf of the young members of the Choir, and on their behalf a presentation was made to Mr. Koop by Master Brindley.

In replying to the eulogistic speeches, Mr. Koop said that, in looking back upon the four years he had spent in Hongkong, he felt very grateful that the opportunity had come to leave England and see something of abroad. "Looking back now," he said, "I feel that the experience has so enriched life, that I feel sure it was the job to which it was intended I should come. Both my wife and I are extraordinarily sorry to be leaving you and this beautiful place. It is difficult to leave the place, difficult to leave the Cathedral. It was very nice of the Choir to have been here to-day and to have made their presentation. I can assure them that I shall value it. I can truthfully say that I have always looked forward to Choir practice on Wednesday nights, and I do think that the Cathedral has been extraordinarily fortunate in having the organist it has got."

"One of the most difficult things to do is to leave the Dean. He has been a tower of strength to me, as I know he has been to others who have given him their confidences. He is the first Dean, and has made of his office something that will leave its mark upon Hongkong. I cannot tell you what it has meant to Mrs. Koop and myself to have the door of his home constantly open to us, and I would like to say what a joy and a blessing it has been to have shared the atmosphere of their most Christian home."

"It has been for me a constant inspiration to get in the company of the missionaries. Whenever one has been depressed just to go along to one of their colleges has been a tremendous uplift, and one has come back to work with real courage. All will agree with me that they are doing real work here."

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## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(Continued from Page 2.)

"A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to opium." He said: This Bill is a consolidating Bill with amendments indicated in the table of correspondence attached to it, and one new section, Section 14, which has been put in consequence of the Bangkok Opium Agreement. That section forbids the sale or purchase of opium by minors and their possession, and sub-section two makes it an offence to aid, abet, purchase, procure any such sale, purchase, smoking or possession. Such section, in consequence of the agreement, makes aiding and abetting a specific offence, but it is not really necessary that the sub-section should be inserted because there is ample provision in the law to deal with aiders and abettors, either under Section 37 of the Magistrates' Ordinance, or under Section 7 of Ordinance Number 14 of 1929. When the Bill goes into Committee I would like to move corrections in clauses three and four and to the schedule by deleting the word "first." There is only one schedule now. The second schedule was repealed in 1924 and is not attached.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second time.

**Bill Passed.**  
Council went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause when several immaterial amendments as outlined by the Attorney General above, were approved, after which the Bill was read a third time and passed.

**Needs of Children at Kowloon Tong.**  
After some discussion on children's playgrounds, when the claims of Kowloon Tong were put forward by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, members of the Finance Committee, at a meeting which followed, approved votes totalling \$123,946.

On a vote for \$5,500 for the forming of a children's playground at Kowloon, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga asked: Is this provision in pursuance of the Government's policy for preserving open spaces in Kowloon?

evening to say good-bye, and for the presentations, which will be a memento of our stay in Hongkong. Thank you all, very much indeed, and I do hope we will be able to keep in touch with one another, and that we shall be able to see you from time to time."

The Chairman: It was your wish that I should get a playground out of the Charter Bungalow site which really arises out of your representations that the Charter Bungalow site is so unsatisfactory and unsafe. I have been to a great deal of trouble, or rather the Public Works have on my behalf, to find another site, and the Kowloon Cricket Club have given up a portion of their site.

Hon. Mr. Braga: In other words this is a very economical solution of the difficulties which presented themselves to the Government?

The Chairman: Yes.

**Kowloon Tong Plea.**

Hon. Mr. Braga: May I ask you, Sir, on behalf of Kowloon Tong residents, whether some trouble might be gone to in their interests for a similar space, to be provided for children in Kowloon Tong?

The Chairman: I thought they already had a playground there.

Hon. Mr. Braga: The intention was that the reservation designed in the first instance for the playground should be a children's playground but if all I hear is true that hill will be cut down and eventually will be sold out of the reserved areas. I think it is time that Government should, if it can be generous enough, consider that such a place is required for Kowloon Tong residents, more on the lines of the recreation ground that we are asking for now.

The Chairman: I will look into it, Mr. Braga.

Hon. Mr. Braga: Unless we look ahead now, Mr. Creasy might be worried with applications for sales of desirable Crown lands and we shall be left with nothing in Kowloon Tong.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: Is it the area between Kowloon Tong and the railway?

Hon. Mr. Braga: The upper area.

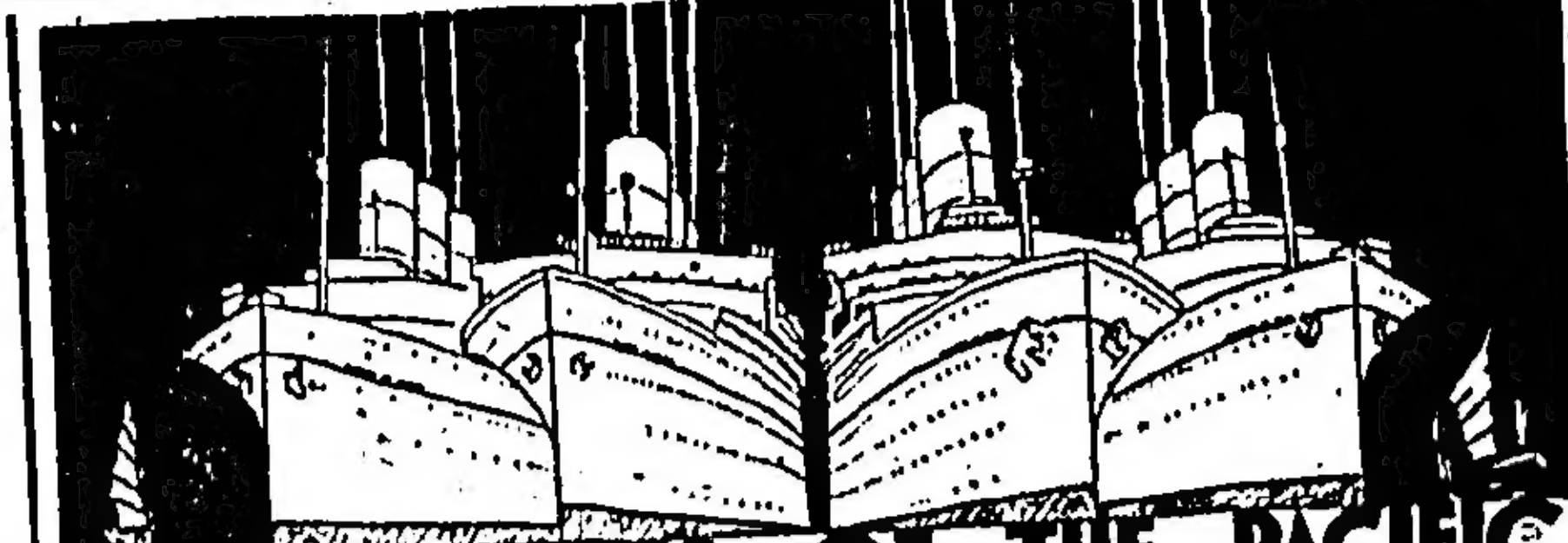
Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: You mean the higher ground on the west side of Kowloon Tong?

Hon. Mr. Braga: No, a little higher up than the Kowloon Tong Market, to the left of Waterloo Road as you go up.

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson: How do the areas reserved in Kowloon for playgrounds compare with those in Hongkong anyway?

Hon. Mr. Braga: We are looking ahead. At one time Hongkong was practically entirely given up to open spaces, but what has happened since?

The Chairman: That will be looked into, Mr. Braga.



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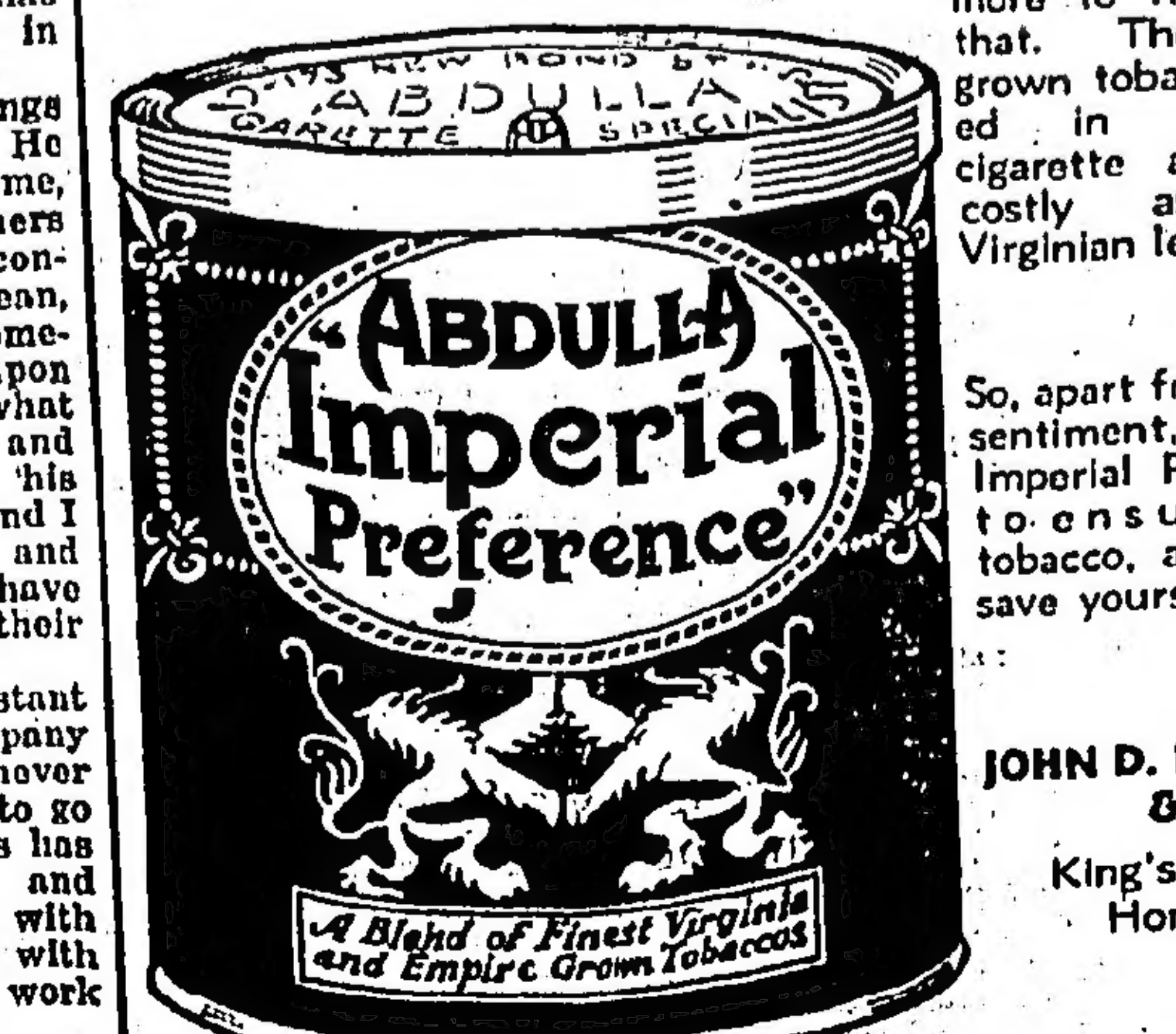
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## THE DIME-A-DANCE GIRL.

(Continued from Page 3.)

Myra's slim, brown fingers tensed on Ellen's arm; her face was stiff with apprehension. "No, I didn't accept him, if that's what you mean. I don't love him," Ellen responded carelessly. She added, "It seems to me that you're awfully anxious to keep me from falling in love. Isn't that one of the things that other girls do?"

She glanced innocently at her sister.

"Oh, Ellen, it's not that and you know it's not!" Myra protested helplessly, half-laughing. "It's only—Tom Shannenberg can't even support himself. He has nothing now and never will have anything. He's just one of those men."

"I know that. Still, if I loved him I don't believe I'd let it make any difference," Ellen said seriously.

A little pucker marked her low, broad forehead. Her eyes were sweet and thoughtful.

"I know money is important," she conceded. "Awfully important in lots of ways. But when you think of love—she flushed youthfully—"why all at once it's just nothing."

"Ellen," Myra spoke with desperate earnestness, "money is not

important in love that without it—some money I mean, not a lot—love itself is nothing."

"I don't for a minute believe it!"

"Look at me and you'll believe it. Lack of money has robbed me of nine years of my life. If there had been any way under heaven for Bert and me to marry when we wanted to, by now I'd have had a home—children—all the things a woman wants. Instead—"

She broke off, appalled at what she had been about to put into words. Not even to Ellen could she admit that of late Bert had seemed oddly restless and changed, bored at talk of that far-away marriage. She laughed nervously, apologetically.

Ellen, uncomfortable but still vaguely holding her own opinion, hastened to change the subject.

"That dress looks awfully well on you," she said, looking approvingly at her sister. "Better, I'm sure, than it ever looked on whichever cousin wore it."

Myra glanced down at her light-blue voile, beautifully cut, freshly laundered and indeed becoming to her pale blondeness.

"I wouldn't have bought it," she said. "I don't like short sleeves. But it has certainly been handy."

"That's the trouble with things given to you," Ellen agreed. She added lightly, "Still it's a nice of Aunt Myra to keep on sending

things. Most of them are scarcely worn."

She sighed a little at the vision of joyous youth presented by her own words, a vision of gay and pretty girls who could discard their frocks because they were tired of them. There were certainly points to having money.

"It is nice of her," Myra admitted in a low voice. "Even," she added with a laugh not so amused as she meant it to be, "if she never sends black and you have to wear black at the store."

Myra hesitated and went on with a sideways glance at Ellen. "I do think she might come to see us sometime. She's been in New York several times, I know. I've read about her in the society columns. But then, we haven't a telephone."

Both girls were silent. Both knew that if their wealthy English aunt, whom neither had ever seen, really desired a meeting she could arrange one with the aid of a two-cent stamp. Myra's comment was only an evasion to save their pride.

They strolled on, two pretty girls linked arm in arm, through the hot summer sunshine, down the dirty, shabby street. Ellen, in spite of herself, felt her spirits sinking. They reached the subway station that would part them.

"Do you still believe," Myra asked in a discouraged way, "that some day we'll have things? The things our cousins have? Cars and country clubs and a chance to enjoy being young? Or are we just fooling ourselves?"

"Something's bound to happen. Our ship will come in—it may be just around the corner," Ellen responded with vague, forced cheerfulness.

"That ship sank long ago," Myra said sharply, her bitterness and anger returning in full force. "We sank with it. How are you and I ever going to get married? Where are you going to meet a man good enough for you?"

"At Dreamland, maybe," Ellen happily tried to stop her sister. But Myra ignored the interruption.

"I believe we'll always be spending every nickel before it's earned. It'll be like this forever. Mother will get older and more irresponsible. Bert and I will go on and on. Mike will grow up and get the same sort of job we have. It's just no use trying."

"Oh Myra, Myra!" Ellen protested staunchly. "Where's your sense of proportion? All this because I'm going to work at night for a few weeks! Of course things will get better. We're only having our hard times now instead of later. It's been hardest on you. But you'll be married first thing you know and forget how long it was. Just wait."

"I'm 26."

"Then don't act as if you're 96," Ellen ran down the subway steps and plunged through the turnstile. (To be continued.)



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### NOSE CLOSED BY ELECTRIC FIRE.

HOW RED RAYS AFFECT  
BREATHING.

### NOVEL DISCLOSURE.

"Blazing open coal fires and the new gas fires open the nose; the old gas fires and electric fires shut the nose."

This was the conclusion 'come to by Professor Sir Leonard Hill, who demonstrated the fact on himself in the course of a lecture at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

He showed that by allowing the infra red rays from an electric heater to fall on his face breathing through his nose stopped.

"I can't get an atom through my nose," he exclaimed, "and if it were not for my mouth I should die."

He showed how this effect on his breathing was obliterated by screening his face with a piece of glass, by fanning his face, by covering it with cold water, and by allowing the light from an ordinary electric lamp to fall on it.

"With these dark sources of heat there should be plenty of cool air," he said. "If you economise on your coal bill and use these sources of heat with all your windows closed, you are not only making your nose congested, but you are producing these uncomfortable stuffy feelings in other people."

"We have almost discovered which rays open and which shut noses," added Sir Leonard, "and I think this means a step forward in explaining stuffy conditions. The quality of these red rays in acting on the naked skin is very important, and remember that when you let rays act on your naked skin it is different from the effect on the clothed body."

### DICTATORSHIP OF FASHION.

PARIS BEING SUPPLANTED  
BY LONDON.

### FETISH OVERCOME.

The traditional cry of the dress-maker: "Straight from Paris, madam," is not heard to-day, and, if present conditions are any indication, it will be a long time before it is heard again.

The fashions of the future will be designed in London and the label of two or three famous British houses will carry the cachet once exclusively reserved for the Rue de la Paix.

The manager of one of the biggest English houses told a representative of the *Morning Post* that British dress designing had definitely come into its own. In the past the Paris fetish, by means of clever propaganda and a typical French thoroughness, had obtained a firm hold on English women. To a very large extent it was the fault of the British designers. They lacked initiative and found it easier to foster the French tradition and copy the French models than to design their own.

With the rise of a few British firms and the wave of home-buying together with the demands of the economic position, British dress-makers were at last awakened and are either designing their own models or copying those of the better-known home firms.

Of great assistance to this wave of British enterprise was the attitude of the material manufacturers, who in the past had been inclined to turn out their materials on the "take it or leave it" principle. Now they are co-operating wholeheartedly with the dress-makers, and almost every day are making new types of material to suit the new designs.

For the coming season light, fine woven woollen materials and stockinette will be used extensively for all types of clothing. Two instances of the new spirit in the industry came to light recently. An English designer wished to repeat a model. It was discovered that the original material had come from France. Inquiries showed the price to be 42s. a yard—a French couturier had evidently cornered the available stock. A Bradford firm copied the material exactly in every detail within three days and offered it at 16s. a yard.

The other instance concerns the mother-of-pearl buttons. In the past, these have come from Japan and Germany. A week or two ago a young man visited a London firm and asked whether they would be interested in Australian mother-of-pearl if he could have it made up into buttons. They placed a small provisional order with him, and in two days he was able to sell them buttons better and cheaper than any they had used before.

### CRICKET CLOSURE LAW.

### NO MORE "JUGGLERY."

It is announced from Lord's that at the meeting of the Advisory County Cricket Committee on April 7, two definite proposals will be made in connection with County Championship matches that cannot begin until the third day.

The first of these lays down that if there is no play on the first two days the match shall be played under the laws for one-day matches, except that "no side shall declare its first innings closed until it has batted for at least 60 minutes." Furthermore, that when a match is decided by the first innings, the winners shall score 10 points and its opponents three.

The alternative scheme is at follows:

If a side wins on the first innings of an unfinished match in the First Class County Championship in which no play has taken place on any two of the three days it shall score 10 points, and its opponents three points. If there is no play on the first two days the match shall be played under the laws for one-day matches, except as provided for in the first proposal.

It is proposed by the Advisory Committee that the groundsman and umpires should have more discretionary power for getting the wicket fit for play after rain.

### CINEMA BILLIONS.

### AGUMENT AGAINST PENNY TAX.

Startling figures showing the slump in cinema attendances since the additional entertainment taxes were imposed were quoted at a national protest meeting of exhibitors in London.

The total attendances at the 4,000 cinemas in the country in one year was from 1,300,000,000 to 1,400,000,000.

During 12 weeks when the new taxation was in operation there was a decrease at the rate of about 150,000,000 a year, almost 12 per cent.

The difference between the previous year's profits and the current year's would be £3,250,000. Mr. J. Potter, M.P., told the meeting: "I am not without hope that the Chancellor, when he presents his Budget, will be able not only to take the penny off the lower priced seats, but also give you further concessions."

A resolution calling for the removal of the tax on all prices up to 6d. was carried unanimously.

The firm who took this "long shot" are now doing a vast business in Australian mother-of-pearl products.

### BEAR MAULS MAN.

### REVENGE FOR SUPPOSED ILLTREATMENT.

Berlin, Mar. 7.  
A performing bear at a Berlin show-ground suddenly attacked a Chinese juggler, Taching Kun, broke his skull and one arm with blows of its paw and otherwise injured him so seriously that there is little hope of his recovery.

The bear's owner, a man of great strength, thrust his arm down the animal's throat and grasped its tongue, and with the assistance of others forced the bear back into its cage.

It is stated that the bear's anger was directed against Kun because it had been ill-treated by him.

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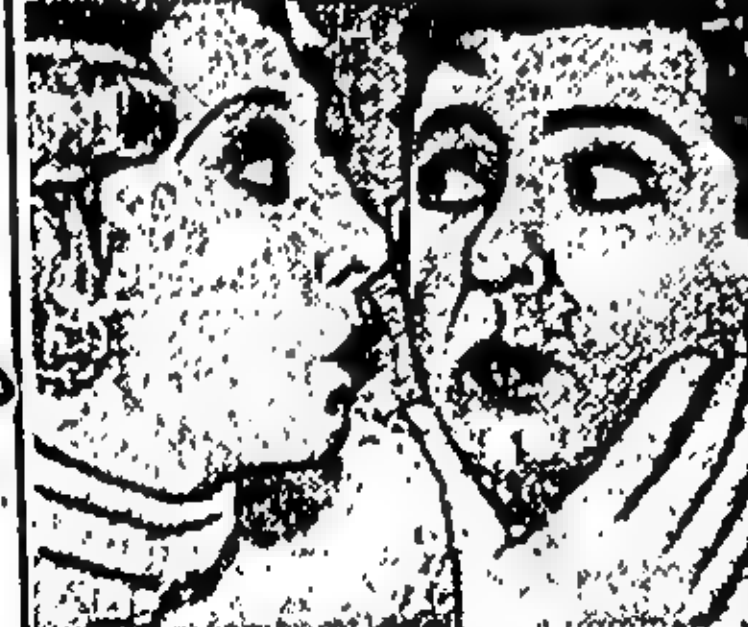
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## PEACE CONFERENCE SAVED FROM DISASTER.

### CHAOS IN CHILE.

**RUN ON CENTRAL BANK.**

### MILITARY PLOT.

London, Apr. 7.  
Messages from Santiago de Chile indicate that the political situation there is grave following the abandonment of the gold standard.

Martial law was ordered throughout the country last night following a serious run on the Central Bank.

A military plot to capture the Presidential Palace has been discovered and Congress is sitting in secret session to consider the situation.—*Reuter*.

### LECTURE ROOM TRAGEDY.

**ABSENTMINDED ACT CAUSES DEATH.**

(*Reuter's Special Service*).

London, Apr. 7.  
The ghastly result of professorial absent-mindedness was described at the inquest at Liverpool today into the death of a science-master, Mr. James Foote. Mr. Foote was lecturing a class at the Walton Junior Technical School in the laboratory. Apparently he felt thirsty and picked up a glass and drank its contents. He swallowed a beakerful of acid in mistake for water and fell down writhing in agony, dying within seconds. The inquest was adjourned.

### OLDEST ENGLISH PEER.

**LORD NORTH PASSES AT 96 YEARS.**

London, Apr. 8.  
The death has occurred of Lord North, at the age of 96 years. He was England's oldest Peer, and his godmother was Queen Adelaide, wife of William IV.

The eleventh holder of the title, which was created in 1564, Lord North succeeded thereto in 1884. He owned about six thousand acres of land. The heir is Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. F. J. North, who was born in 1860. He joined the Norfolk Regiment at the outbreak of the Great War, serving with them in France, where he later commanded the 26th Royal Fusiliers.—*Reuter*.

### INDIAN CONGRESS DEFIANT.

**PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE.**

Allahabad, Apr. 7.  
Despite the Government's decision prohibiting the annual session of the Indian National Congress, Pandit Malaviya, the veteran Nationalist leader, in a statement to the press, said it was hoped that the Conference would be held at Delhi on the 24th instant. He added that the preparations for the Conference would proceed.—*Reuter*.

### AMERICA AND THE RUBBER CRISIS.

**A DICTATORSHIP FAVOURED.**

New York, Apr. 8.  
"A one-man dictatorship" as a means of revitalising the rubber industry of the United States has been virtually agreed to by leaders of the rubber and allied industries.—*Reuter's American Service*.



The Prince driving.

### THE PRINCE ON THE LINKS.

**BEATEN IN FOURTH ROUND OF R.N. HANDICAP.**

London, Apr. 7.  
After winning his first three matches, the Prince of Wales was defeated in the fourth round of the Junior Handicap knockout competition in the annual meeting of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Golfing Society at Sunningdale today. The Prince was eliminated after a great struggle with Surgeon Commander Cameron, who won on the last green by one hole.—*British Wireless*.

### AMERICA'S 22,000 BANKS.

**SUGGESTED UNIFIED CONTROL.**

New York, Apr. 7.  
A scheme to bring all of America's 22,000 banks under Federal control is being formulated by Mr. Eugene Meyer, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, as a result of a recent agreement between Mr. Meyer and Senator Glass, Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee. Mr. Meyer recently expressed the view that many failures of small banks would have been avoidable if there had been a unified system of control.—*Reuter's American Service*.

### WHEAT QUOTA BILL.

**PASSES HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

London, Apr. 7.  
The essential part of the Government's scheme to relieve the depression in the agricultural industry was carried through tonight when the House of Commons passed, by 398 votes to 68, the third reading of the Wheat Bill. The Bill establishes a quota for foreign wheat and gives a guaranteed price for British growers.—*Reuter*.

### BRITISH MINISTER STEPS IN.

**PROPOSALS TO GAIN TIME.**

(*Our Own Correspondent*).

Shanghai, Apr. 8, 1.45 p.m.  
Once again, Sir Miles Lampson has exercised his mediating influence to prevent a collapse of the Shanghai armistice negotiations.

The problem of fixing a time limit for the complete withdrawal of the Japanese forces into the International Settlement had brought both Chinese and Japanese delegates to the end of their tether yesterday afternoon, and the complete wreckage of the conference appeared to be inevitable.

The British Minister saw at once that the only means of preventing an irreparable breach was to enable the negotiating parties to avoid committing themselves to the major issue and he, therefore, suggested the issuance of statements by each party, or a joint statement, guaranteeing complete withdrawal on the part of Japan and clarifying her stand on the part of China.

### CAPITALS TO DECIDE.

It took some time to persuade the delegates to consider the proposal, but finally they agreed, that the nature of these neutral measures should be sent to the Nanking and Tokyo Governments respectively for approval. Meanwhile, the conference has adjourned until Saturday afternoon when, it is expected, instructions regarding Sir Miles Lampson's suggestion will have been received by both parties.

The British Minister contemplates that the issuance of either of three statements, if so designed, would operate as a substitute for the solution of the stubborn time-limit problem.

### SUGGESTED STEPS.

The following are the steps suggested:  
One, that a statement be issued by the Japanese delegates expressing the hope that they would be in a position to complete the withdrawal of their forces within a period of six months, if not sooner, when conditions have improved to such an extent that they feel safe to withdraw.

Two, that a joint statement be issued on the authority of the heads of both delegations, stating that while the Japanese delegates express the hope of a complete withdrawal, the Chinese delegates express the view that the spirit of the League Assembly's resolutions is not fulfilled until complete withdrawal is carried out.

Three, that a statement be issued by the Chinese delegates to the effect that China regards the spirit of the League Assembly's resolutions as not having been fulfilled until the complete withdrawal of the Japanese naval and military forces into the Settlement and ex-Settlement Rends Area in the Hongkong District, has been effected.

### OBSTINATE POINT.

It is hoped that this manner of settling round an obstinate point will satisfy both sides.

The Military Sub-Committee of the Conference which met again this morning, spent a good deal of time yesterday inspecting the Woosung Area over which there is the greatest dispute in the negotiations regarding the localities for basing the Japanese troops. They observed Japanese building barracks for billeting the withdrawn troops at Woosung.

### FURTHER MEDIATION.

Again through the mediation of neutral observers of the situation, the Chinese delegates have agreed.—*(Continued on Page 7.)*

### RED MENACE IN SHANGHAI.

**MARTIAL LAW IN NANTAO.**

**UPRISING FEAR.**

(*Special to "Telegraph"*).

Shanghai, Apr. 8.  
A Communist coup, an uprising in the native quarter, is the menace now facing the Chinese authorities in Shanghai.

The danger is obviously enhanced by the presence of thousands of unemployed, who are likely to succumb easily to the blandishments of the Red agitators.

That the matter is seriously regarded by the authorities is indicated by the extraordinary measures being taken to prevent an outbreak. Nantao and the native city are virtually under martial law.

### WAR RUMOUR.

The *China Press* made disclosures regarding the special steps which are being taken by the Public Safety Bureau in Nantao as a result of reports that uprisings are being prepared.

All suspicious-looking persons are being searched and closely questioned. Nantao is in a further state of uneasiness because it is feared that the armistice negotiations will break down and it is rumoured that in that event, the Japanese military will invade Nantao and the Chinese City.—*Reuter*.

### SQUARING BRITISH ACCOUNTS.

**ONLY FIXED DATE LOAN OUTSTANDING.**

London, Apr. 7.  
Questioned in the House of Commons as to the date by which it would be found possible to repay the remaining balances of the credits obtained last Autumn by the Treasury from France and the United States, Major Elliot, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that since the repayments made at the end of last month, the remaining part of the American credit, namely twenty million dollars, had been repaid. The right to re-borrow had been retained until the anniversary of the original credit, August 28th.

There now remained outstanding only the loan of 2,500 million francs from the French public which was not repayable before the date of maturity in September.—*British Wireless*.

### TRADE ADVISERS FOR OTTAWA.

**T. U. C. INVITED TO CO-OPERATE.**

London, Apr. 7.  
The Dominions Secretary, J. H. Thomas, today informed a deputation of the British Committee on Empire Trade that the Government had decided to appoint trade advisers to the United Kingdom delegation attending the Ottawa Conference. The deputation expressed its gratification and promised its assistance and co-operation. Mr. Thomas later invited a deputation from the Trade Union Congress to nominate two representatives to accompany the United Kingdom delegation.—*British Wireless*.

### STICKING IT OUT.

**SIR RICHARD SQUIRES WON'T RESIGN.**

London, Apr. 7.  
It is reported from St. Johns, Newfoundland, that Sir Richard Squires has announced that he has no intention of resigning.—*Reuter*.

### RUSSIANS LEAVING MANCHURIA.

**CONFLICT WITH JAPAN FEARED.**

**THOUSANDS APPLY FOR VISAS.**

(*SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH"*).

HARBIN, Apr. 8.  
FOLLOWING THE ORDERS FOR THE MOBILISATION OF SOVIET FORCES IN THE TRANS-BAIKAL AREA, RUSSIAN RESIDENTS OF MANCHURIA ARE LEAVING THE COUNTRY IN THOUSANDS. As far as the western line of the Chinese Eastern Railway is concerned, it is learned that all Soviet citizens and their families have been ordered to evacuate as soon as possible.

The situation is regarded as critical, for the actions of the Soviet Government can only be interpreted as the result of a fear of conflict with Japan. Although the Soviet's relations with Japan are at present, apparently, friendly, the mobilisation order and the subsequent developments all point to a belief in Soviet official circles that friendly relations with Japan cannot last.

The Soviet Society of Aviation and Chemical Defence is reported to be organising a more serious militarisation of its 12,000,000 members.

In Harbin, more than two thousand applications for visas have been filed with the Soviet Consul by Soviet citizens who are desirous of leaving Manchuria, "while the going is good."

The situation is being watched by foreigners with the greatest anxiety.—*Reuter*.

### FOREIGN AID IN CHINA.

**POLICE FORCE IDEA AGAIN MOOTED.**

### BRITISH ATTITUDE.

London, Apr. 7.  
The suggestion that a solution for the chief of China's ills is to be found in the appointment of foreigners as the directors of a new policing organisation has again been made by a foreigner.

On this occasion, an attempt was made to place the proposal on an official basis by a question in the House of Commons. The policing of China by the League of Nations in order to stamp out bandits was urged by Mr. E. Macquisten, a Conservative M.P. in the House of Commons.

He proposed that small police forces recruited from various members of the League should be selected, each to operate in a prescribed area.

China's Initiative Needed. Captain Anthony Eden, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied that Sir John Simon was not prepared to propose the scheme. The initiative in a matter of this kind obviously rested with the Chinese Government.

Mr. Macquisten's suggestion that many potential police leaders for China were willing to serve without pay brought a reiteration of Captain Eden's reply.—*Reuter*.

The following team has been chosen to represent the 1st XI of the Hongkong Football Club against the South Wales Borderers on the Club Ground to-morrow at 4.45 p.m.—Rodger; Strang; Foley; Railton; Sogalan; Baldwin; Alexander. Reserve: Hyes.

### CARGO THEFTS MYSTERY.

**HEAVY LOSS TO SHIPPERS.**

Antwerp, Apr. 7.  
A series of mysterious thefts, involving losses running into thousands of pounds, and occurring at a variety of places, have caused the police to issue a warning to world ports in the belief that an international gang is at work.

The particular bent of the gang in the pilfering of the cargoes of steamers bound for Australia, America and Japan. Enormous losses have been suffered in recent months.

At Antwerp, eight arrests have been effected, two of the culprits being women. It is alleged by the police that the prisoners were discovered emptying packing cases of their contents and filling them up with ashes to allow suspicion of tampering.—*Reuter*.

### TEN ROUNDS WITH CARNERA.

**MCCORKINDALE IN THRILLING FIGHT.**

London, Apr. 7.  
At the Albert Hall to-night, in a ten rounds contest, the South African champion, McCorkindale, went the full distance with Primo Carnera, the Italian giant. It was a fight full of thrills and the Italian gained the decision on points.

### Champion In Trouble.

It was learned to-night that Al Foreman has been deprived of his lightweight title for refusing to comply with certain regulations of the Boxing Board of Control.—*Reuter*.



Captain Frank Hawks, who was critically injured in an air crash yesterday.

### HUMAN BULLET INJURED.

**CAPTAIN HAWKS CRASHES.**

(*Reuter's Special Service*).

New York, Apr. 7.  
"The Human Bullet," as Captain Frank Hawks is popularly known on account of his extraordinarily consistent speed flights, is lying in a critical condition at Worcester, Massachusetts, as the result of a serious smash. One of the most famous speed pilots in the world, he has been remarkably immune from accident, but to-day his record-breaking machine failed him and crashed.

Hawks was dragged unconscious from the wreckage. His face had been badly crushed and his skull is injured.

Captain Hawks holds the American trans-Continental air record while he litted between European capitals last year at speeds which made the ordinary air mails seem like post-chaises.

### ANTIQUITIES OF BETTING LAW.

**ANOTHER ROYAL COMMISSION.**

London, Apr. 7.  
The probable appointment of a Royal Commission to make a comprehensive survey of the laws relating to sweepstakes and lotteries, was announced in the House of Commons to-day by the Home Secretary, Sir Herbert Samuel.

He said it was generally agreed that serious difficulties existed in the way of enforcing the present law regarding sweepstakes and lotteries. Events in the last two years had brought this to the notice of the authorities and the public. There were difficulties in connexion with the enforcement of the law relating to street betting, and the totalisator, and from time to time new developments arose, such as betting on motorcycle and greyhound racing.

The Government had decided that revision of the law was needed and steps should be taken for the appointment on a Royal Commission with wide terms of reference as soon as possible.—*British Wireless*.

### SILVER LOWEST FOR SIX MONTHS.

**ONLY SLIGHT DROP IN DOLLAR.**

A decline of 3/16ths in London has brought the price of silver to a lower level than for six months past. The general belief is that even lower rates may be seen. In London, speculators sold while China bought at the decline. After the official fixing, the market ruled steadier, chiefly due to absence of sellers. New York reports a decline of 3/8ths. The local dollar has dropped 1/8th to 25.5/8d., the fall, however, not being in ratio to the decline in silver prices. The market is inclined to be easy.



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## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

### BY-LAWS RELATING TO SPLITTING APPROVED.

#### PLAYGROUND ISSUE.

There was a small agenda at a meeting of the Legislative Council held yesterday, when by-law and amendments made by the Sanitary Board relating to the measures taken with regard to splitting were approved. A short correcting Bill to amend the Medical Registration Ordinance was read a first time, and a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to opium was read a second and third time and passed.

Mr. W. H. Bell took the Oath of Allegiance and his seat in the Council as an Unofficial member in place of Mr. C. G. S. Mackie.

The Attendance.  
His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.) presided, and there were also present:

The General Officer Commanding (Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.).  
The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.).  
The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E.).  
The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax).  
The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. Edwin Taylor).

Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works).  
Hon. Mr. T. H. King (Acting Inspector General of Police).  
Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (Retired) (Harbour Master).  
Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical & Sanitary Services).

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Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., L.L.D.

Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell.  
Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.  
Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau.  
Mr. R. A. C. North (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

Spitting By-Laws.  
The Attorney General moved, "That the by-laws and amendments made by the Sanitary Board under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on 16th March, 1932, relating to aerated water manufactories, laundries, bake houses, fruit preserving establishments and dairies be approved." He said:—

Under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, the Sanitary Board is empowered to make by-laws with regard to a number of subjects. Under section 17, all by-laws made by the Board have to be submitted to the Governor and are subject to the approval of the Legislative Council. The new by-laws and amendments to existing by-laws, now submitted for approval, deal with the prevention or control of expectoration in aerated water factories, bake houses, dairies, food preserving establishments and laundries. These new by-laws prohibit spitting in these establishments except in spittoons provided for the purpose, and require the licensees or registered proprietors of the premises to keep their spittoons continuously disinfected, and to see that they are properly cleaned daily at the close of business. They also require them to display notices enjoining persons not to spit on the floor. These by-laws were made by the Board on March 16 and I now move that they be approved by this Council.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the resolution was carried.

Medical Registration Ordinance.  
The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled, "A Bill to amend further the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884." He said:—It is a short correcting Bill and is explained by the memorandum of objects and reasons attached to it.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Opium Ordinance.  
The Attorney General moved the second reading of a Bill intituled, (Continued on Page 10.)

## CONTRACT BRIDGE.

By W. E. McKenney,

Secretary, American Bridge League.

There is no question that ace showing has some advantages when properly used, but it is undoubtedly the most dangerous system for the beginner to attempt.

When this system is being used, it is very difficult to show a two-suit hand without getting the bidding extremely high. Your partner is in the same predicament—he may have support for your suit and also have a strong suit of his own, but the contract may get too high for him to show it. Our readers, however, should familiarize themselves with ace showing so that they may be able to compete when used against them.

The following hands illustrate both ace showing and the showing of void suits:

Hand A	Hand B
North	North
S—A-10-6-4	S—J-9-7-4-2
H—K-Q-J-5	H—None
D—None	D—A-Q-J-8-4
C—A-Q-J-9-4	C—Q-8-4

South (Dealer)	South (Dealer)
S—K-Q-J-9-5	S—A-K-Q-8-5-3
H—A-6-2	H—A-5-3
D—8-7-4	D—K
C—K-7	C—A-K-2

Hand A.

South bids one spade. Although the West hand is not shown, let us assume that West bids two diamonds. North, who is void of diamonds and can see slam possibilities, bids three diamonds, informing partner that he has no losing diamonds and has normal support in spades. This requires partner to start and show aces.

We will assume that East passes ranking ace. As he holds neither the ace of diamonds nor the ace of clubs, he bids three hearts, North then bids four clubs to show the ace of clubs. South bids five clubs showing the king of clubs. After partner has shown an ace, there are times when it is advantageous to show a king, as in this particular hand.

It is now very easy for North to see a grand slam. His partner has told him that he holds the ace of hearts and the king of clubs—he must have held the king and queen of spades to have an original bid. North therefore goes to seven spades, bidding for the grand slam.

Hand B.

South has four probable losers in his hand—two hearts, the king of diamonds and the deuce of clubs, but he is justified in opening the bidding with a two-suit demand bid. The West hand is not shown, but we will assume that West bids three hearts, North would bid four hearts, again informing partner of slam possibilities, no losing hearts, and normal support in spades.

South would then start to show his aces. As his lowest ace is the ace of clubs, his proper bid is five clubs. North would then show his ace of diamonds by bidding five diamonds. It is now quite easy for South to see the grand slam. With no losing hearts in his partner's hand, and with the information that he holds the ace of diamonds, he can readily see that he can ruff two hearts and discard his losing deuce of clubs on partner's ace of diamonds. He therefore bids seven spades.

It must be remembered that ace showing does not start until after one of the partners has made a forcing bid and both play-



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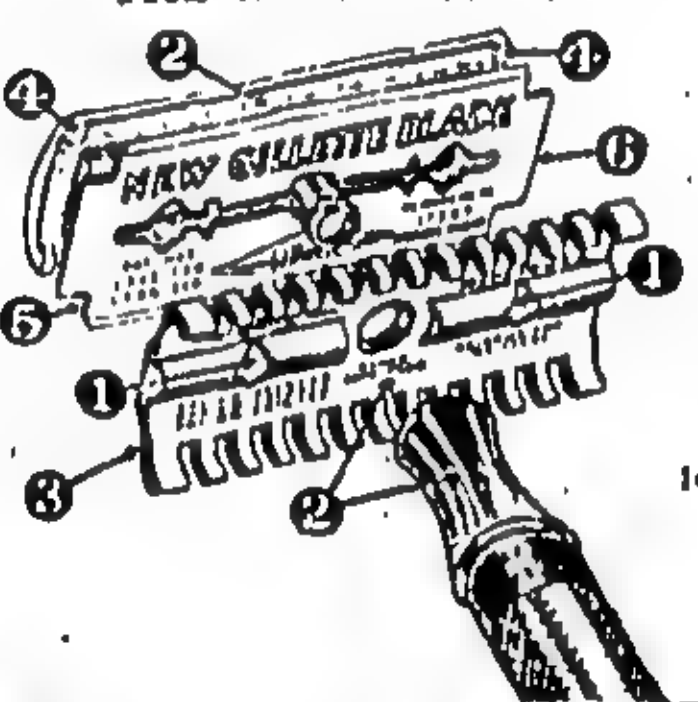
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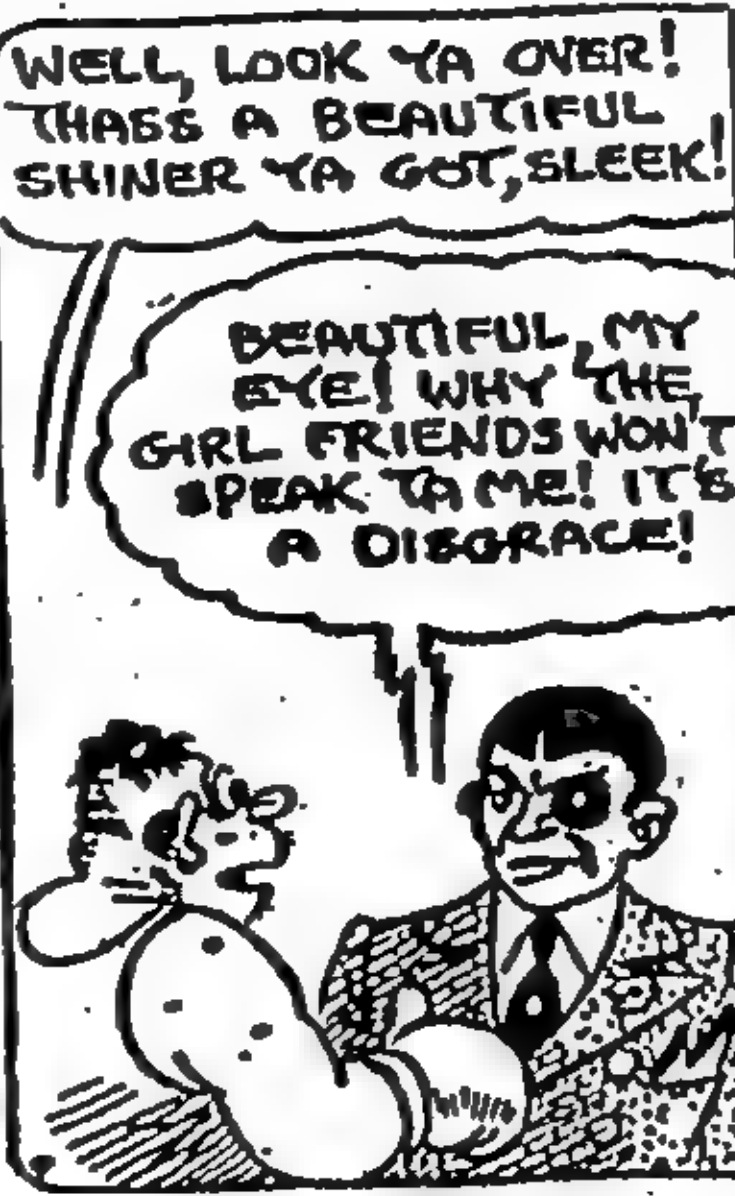
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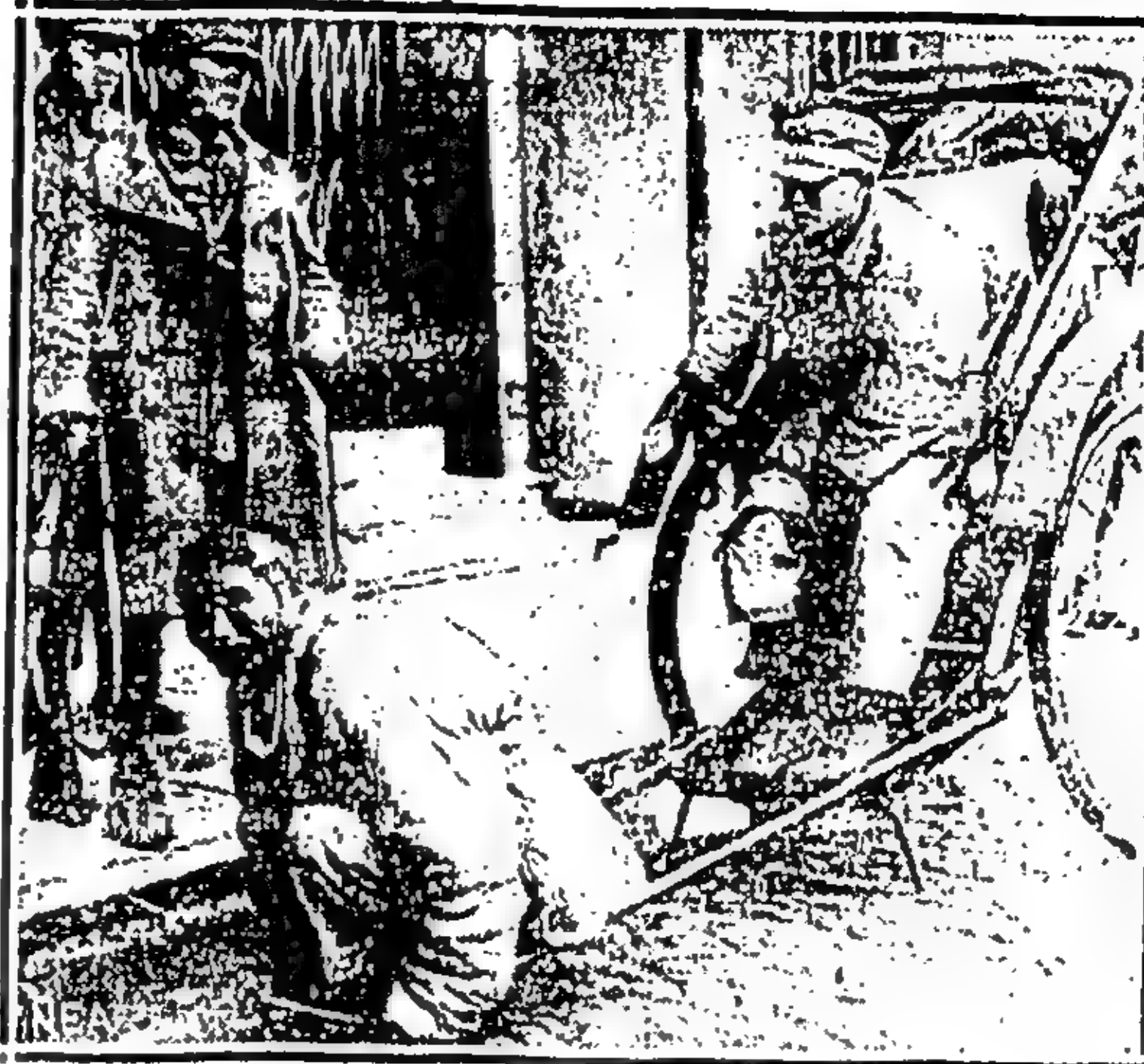
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With a bullet-shattered leg, a boy soldier of China is shown above as a ricksha brought him to a hospital in Shanghai.



Provided the Sino-Japanese trouble continues, there may be Chinese air force reinforcements of trained Chinese-American pilots. These youths are studying flying in many places. Photo shows a group of students at Portland, Ore., with their instructor. All belong to the Chinese Aeronautical Association of America.



Delegates to the world disarmament conference in session at Geneva.

## The dime-a-dance girl

BY JOAN CLAYTON

### CHAPTER I (Continued)

Among classified advertisements, ringed in pencil, was a call for dancing instructors. She knew Dreamland. She had passed it often on her way to work. And, although she had never been inside, she knew that "dancing instructor" was a polite name for a girl hired to dance with unattached men at a small payment for each dance—a taxi dancer. They did, in fact, call those girls taxi-dancers.

"The best part of it," her mother continued breathlessly, "is that you might meet a really nice man that way. I can't imagine why girls as pretty as my two haven't flocks of rich men trying to marry them. When I was young it was certainly different."

Ellen was uncomfortable as she was always uncomfortable when her mother talked that way. But Myra was frankly angry.

"New York isn't Ireland," she said flatly. "Rich men may grow in bushes there. I don't know. But rich men in New York marry rich girls. They don't meet any other kind. If you're thinking that Ellen might meet John Astorbill at Dreamland, Mother, it just shows you don't know such places. The only result of Ellen's trying to work at night as well as all day would be that she would break down her health. And then where would we be?"

Molly Rosseter smiled mysteriously and, with characteristic optimism, overlooked all drawbacks.

"You can't tell how such things will happen," she remarked, still smiling. "I met your father in the most unexpected way. If we both hadn't happened to be at the same place that one night we'd never have met at all."

"It was at a dance, too," she concluded triumphantly.

Ellen laughed. "Don't try to marry me off so soon," she pleaded. "After all," she added, "I'm only 20. I might be touring Europe with my husband by the time I'm 21."

"I was married at 17. And Myra here—"

"Yes, I've been engaged to Bert over since I was 17—nine years." Myra conceded bitterly. "And perhaps by the time I'm 70 we'll have enough money, so that he and I can hobble to the altar."

The very blackness of the picture she drew was irresistibly funny. All three of them burst out laughing. For a moment they were like children and Molly Rosseter was the youngest of the three.

When Ellen succeeded in dragging Mike from the bathroom and his book, when they were all seated at breakfast, the subject arose again. Where was the \$30 for rent coming from?

"It was due last Tuesday, and

this is Friday," offered Molly. She had half forgotten by now that the money had been dissipated by her fault. Ellen was willing she should forget it. But not Myra.

"I'll go to Mr. Farnham and explain," she said, her lips straight, her eyes stern. "We just have to cut down on everything till we get the money again. But one thing's sure: Ellen can't carry two full time jobs."

"I'm not sure," Ellen began. "It's all wrong," Myra fiercely stopped her. "Mike could make as much selling papers after school as you could dancing all evening."

"Mike can't do that," Molly burst out in alarmed haste. "He's carrying double school work now. You know what your father would have said."

"He might have said something about Ellen's working in a cheap dance hall, too."

It was an old difficulty, Molly's partiality for her only son. She was pathetically anxious that he should miss nothing because of his father's death, pathetically anxious that he should have what other boys had. To that end she was willing to make any sacrifice. She saw no reason why her daughters should not do the same.

Before Myra's indignation could force a real quarrel, Mike himself clamorously interrupted. He was wildly eager for the freedom of the corner news-stand and for the chance to earn his own money. But Ellen entered a firm denial and his protests died. He knew he could not get around Ellen. She looked sharply at his eyes, heavy with fatigue.

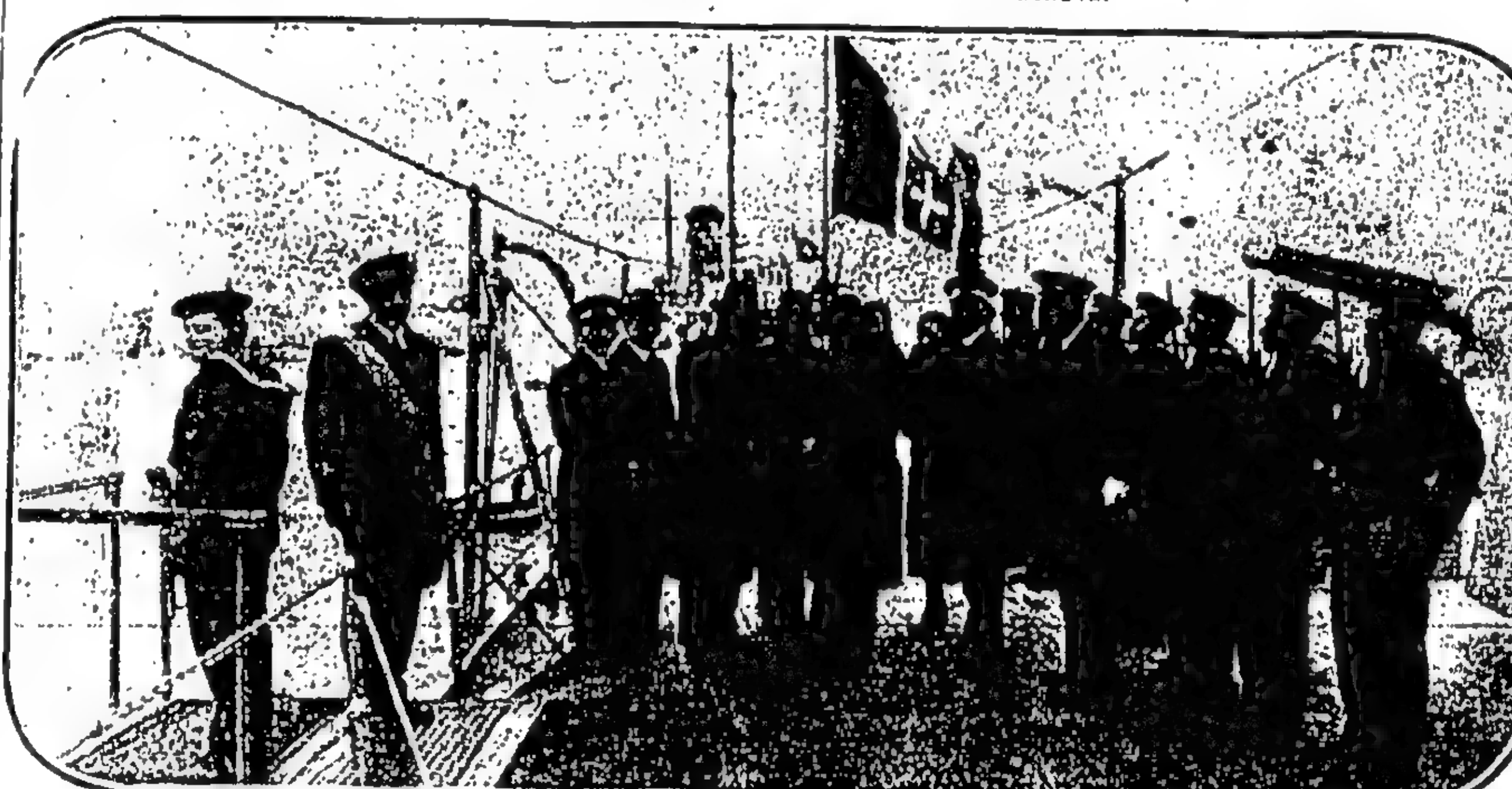
"Did you go to bed at nine last night?" she demanded. Mike and his mother exchanged a guilty look.

"He was in bed," said Molly hastily.

She and Mike shared the same bedroom. Ellen knew then that Mike had persuaded his mother to leave the lights burning while he studied. But she was too tired to bring that up. She folded her napkin, tucked it into the heavy silver ring left over from better days, and rose from the table.

"I'll go at noon to see about getting that job," she announced in a tone that settled the matter. "I dance well enough so there shouldn't be any trouble. There's no use arguing, Myra," she said to her sister. "There's a limit to cutting expenses. We've reached it. We can't cut down any more without giving up eating entirely and the rent must be paid. I can carry both jobs—until we catch up."

"I know that was the thing to do," said Molly in deep satisfaction. But a moment later she added wistfully, "I'm sorry, Ellen,



Photograph taken on board the Italian gunboat Libia during a visit by Italian Consul Officials. Left to right in the centre group are—Vice-Consul Count Giorgio del Bono, Consul Count Ciano di Cortellazzo, Barone Sardi, and Dr. Venturini.

that things are so hard for you. But I still think that at Dreamland you might—"

Ellen checked her. "Don't be so romantic so early in the morning, darling," she begged and wished again that Molly understood things better.

Molly reached out and tousled her son's curly head.

"When you get through school you'll make us all rich, won't you, son?" she asked. "Then our troubles will be over."

She really believed this. Mike, wriggling with pleasure, bursting with pride, believed it, too. But as Ellen looked down at her 12-year-old brother she thought the time when they would all be rich was a long way off.

Myra and Ellen were fonder of each other than sisters usually are. They were proud of their friendship and glad to be together. Both of them worked a great deal harder than most girls and because of their mother's childish irresponsibility they had early been forced to take up the burden of keeping the family together.

Myra at 26 had all the maturity that Molly would lack at 66. That morning after breakfast she dressed quickly so she could walk the three blocks to the subway with Ellen. All her indignation spilled out again as the two linked arms and walked along Pine street, cruelly shabby in the hot summer sunshine. She felt a fierce, burning, helpless rage that her young sister should miss so many of the pleasant things of life. She felt also a fear that Ellen at 20 would step into the same blind alley she herself had stepped into at 17.

Nine years before she had fallen in love with Bert Armistead. She still loved him. But his job at the library where they both worked was almost as poorly paid as hers. And Myra had seen the first rapture of love wear away in nine years of endless waiting.



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She felt she could not bear to see Ellen start in the way that she had started; to see Ellen lose the freshness of her love as she waited for an impossible \$35 a week to climb to a possible \$50. She feared what Molly had innocently hoped for—that Ellen would meet someone at Dreamland. But she tried to hide that fear.

"It makes me furious," Myra began fiercely, her blue eyes blazing. "that you should have to take this job, work yourself to death just because—"

"Boo!" Ellen scoffed. "I'm not an old lady. It might be a lot of fun, you never can tell. It would be grand if you didn't have to work nights at the library and we could both go."

"Oh, don't fuss so, Myra," Ellen was silent a moment and then said casually, "Tom Shan-nonberger asked me to marry him last night."

"You didn't, Ellen! You didn't!" (Continued on Page 11.)



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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## WM. POWELL LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 21st April, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 29th February, 1932, and electing Directors and Auditors. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 12th April, to 21st April, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

W. L. ALEXANDER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1932.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-seventh Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 19th April, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1931.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 13th day of April, to Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 7th April, 1932.

## HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

## GENERAL MEETING OF IMPORTERS.

The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce invites all Import Merchants in the Colony including non-members of the Chamber to attend a meeting to be held in the offices of the Chamber, Chartered Bank Building, on THURSDAY, 14th APRIL, 1932, at 4.15 p.m. to consider matters of general importance to trade, arising out of certain demands which have been made by the Chinese Piece Goods Guild and other Guilds.

By Order,

M. F. KEY,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th April, 1932.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 9th April, 1932, commencing at 1.15 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.15 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No One without a Badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including Tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for Payment of All Chits.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On No Pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Box in advance. Telephone 21920.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the Perimeter of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1932.

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## G. 1442 R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of April, 1932, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, City, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898 with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Content in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	1014	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1814	Edinburgh Road Kowloon City.	As per sale plan.	About 9,250	\$13,575

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## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Content in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	1821	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1821	West of New Kowloon Island Lot Nos. 859 & 861. Kowloon Tong.	As per sale plan.	About 29,600	\$40,800

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

We hereby give notice that we have this day removed our Office to Alexandra Building, Top Floor.

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## REMOVAL NOTICE.

We beg to notify the Public that we have removed from 14, Queen's Road, Central, to 18, D'Aguiar Street.

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## CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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From AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, BREMEN, GENOA and ANTWERP.

The Steamship, "GAASDEKERK" having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 14th April, 1932, at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th April, 1932, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, Hongkong. Consignees are requested to have a damaged dutiable goods are being examined.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatsoever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JAWA-CHINA-JAPAN LUN, General Agents.  
Hongkong, 8th April, 1932.

## FANLING GOLF.

## STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

\*New Course.

9.28 A. E. Gerondal, M. Barber.  
10.00 Mrs. E. P. Fletcher, W. C. Pyett.  
10.04 Mrs. W. C. Pyett, E. P. Fletcher.  
10.32 A. Reid, T. R. Chascel.  
10.30 H. G. Wallington, D. M. Richards.  
10.40 Mrs. N. J. Perrin, Miss K. P. Curtin.

Old Course.

9.16—9.20 not to be booked by travellers on 8.28 train.  
9.24 K. W. Jones, J. C. Dunbar.  
9.28 B. D. Evans, R. W. Tapin.  
9.32 C. E. Gahagan, J. Gardner.  
9.36 A. D. Humphreys, R. C. Law.  
9.40 J. B. MacDonald, D. Black.  
9.44 E. McBryden, R. C. Webb.  
9.48 A. E. Lissaman, W. C. Shields.  
9.52 S. S. Perry, A. S. Coppin.  
9.56 J. W. Alabaster, H. R. Remington.

10.00 J. B. Lanyon, J. A. R. Selby.  
10.04 C. H. Rolfe, J. F. Robinson.  
10.08 W. S. Hillier, J. Mandracchia.  
10.12 W. D. Hughes, J. S. Dykes.  
10.16 A. Kidd, H. W. M. Dulle.  
10.20 Lt. H. C. Gould, Col. R. B. Cousins.

10.24 G. A. Leiper, W. D. Harris.  
10.28 N. J. Perrin, D. S. Edward.  
10.32 H. H. Mundy, W. A. Stewart.  
10.36 W. Woodward, N. K. Littlejohn.  
10.40 T. J. Fenwick, S. J. H. Fox.  
10.44 H. R. Sturt, G. C. Warren.  
10.48 G. W. Sewell, Lt. H. W. Dawkes.  
10.52 W. D. Denham, C. W. F. Booker.  
10.56 R. W. Gardiner, H. S. Hills.  
11.00 O. E. C. Marton, L. R. Andrews.  
11.04 A. B. Raworth, J. D. Law.  
11.08 K. Mackenzie.  
11.12 A. M. Butterfield, R. E. Atwell.  
11.16 W. A. Ross, I. H. Genre.  
11.20 P. S. Grant, Hon. Comdr. G. F. H. Hoie.  
11.28 D. S. Robb, H. Lowe.  
11.32 G. R. Horridge, W. Mulembu.

## THE AUSTRALIAN FINANCES.

## DIRECT PAYMENT OF INCOME TAX.

Melbourne, Apr. 7.  
The Commonwealth Government is issuing a proclamation in New South Wales (under the Financial Agreement Enforcement Act passed in February) directing that individual income tax returns shall be paid to the Commonwealth Bank at Sydney.

## LYTTON COMMISSION.

## SHOWN CHINESE COPY OF 1905 TREATY.

Nanking, Apr. 7.

The Lytton Commissioners returned from Hankow this afternoon, and before crossing the river to Pukow were rushed by motor to the Foreign Office, where they were shown what purported to be the original copy of the Sino-Japanese treaty of 1905. This copy, which is stated to have been unearthed after great difficulty during the absence of the Commissioners, is said to contain no mention of China agreeing not to construct railways parallel to, or construct railways parallel to, as specified in the Japanese copy.

The Commissioners, accompanied by Dr. Wellington Koo, Mr. Yoshida and Mr. W. H. Donald, left for Peking from Pukow at 4.10 p.m. aboard a special train consisting of seventeen Blue Express coaches.

Lord Lytton told Reuter before his departure that the Commission had full power to decide who were to accompany them, and would not allow any dictation in this respect.

This was in answer to a question concerning the Manchukuo's reported objection to Dr. Wellington Koo.

## Loyang Gathering.

Loyang, Apr. 7.

The inauguration ceremony of the National Emergency Conference took place at 10 p.m., following the arrival of Mr. Wang Chingwei and other Government and Party leaders.—Reuter.

## To Open To-day.

Shanghai, Apr. 7.

The National Emergency Conference to discuss the Shanghai and Manchurian imbroglio will be opened to-morrow at Loyang, the inauguration ceremony being held this morning.—Reuter.

Thus the Commonwealth has taken the first dramatic step to seize the New South Wales revenues in order to reimburse itself for meeting the New South Wales liability of over £900,000 in respect of overseas debts, over which it has defaulted.

Payment of income tax to the State is now an offence punishable by fines and imprisonment.—Reuter.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

## INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 19th March)	Pres. Cleveland	April 8.
Japan and Shanghai	Corfu	April 8.
Japan and Shanghai	Taiyo Maru	April 9.
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	April 9.
Siberia (London 19th March)	Tjibadak	April 10.
Manila (Amoy and Europe via London 17th March)	Pres. Hoover	April 11.
Japan and Shanghai	General Metzing	April 12.
Australia and Manila	Changto	April 12.
Shanghai	Gango	April 13.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	King Yuan	Fri., Apr. 8, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Glenoglo	Fri., Apr. 8, 5 p.m.
Hamburg	Vogtland	Fri., Apr. 8, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Corfu	Sat., Apr. 9.

Parcels	8th, 4.30 p.m.
Registration	9th, 9 a.m.
Letters	9th, 10 a.m.

Parcels	8th, 5 p.m.
Registration	9th, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	9th, 10.30 a.m.

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Fuji Silk, All Shades, Heavy Qty.	\$0.70
Spun Crepe Heavy Qty. (All Shades)	\$1.15
Bokhara Silk (All Shades)	\$1.10
Bokhara Silk (Double Width)	\$1.50
Spun Crepe Striped Heavy Qty.	\$1.45
Satin Crepe All Shades Heavy Qty.	\$2.40
Silk Satin All Shades	\$1.10
Jap Silk All Shades for Lining	\$0.40
Shanghai Crepe All Shades	\$1.30
Printed Satins	\$2.00
Radium Crepe Heavy Qty.	from \$1.00
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## CINEMA SCREENINGS.

## NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

Eddie Cantor in "Palmy Days," which Samuel Goldwyn is bringing to the King's Theatre on next Sunday heralds the advent of a new kind of song-and-dance picture. His "Whoopee," last year was acknowledged the best and greatest of the first great flood of that kind of screen entertainment.

In form, last year's musical pictures initiated the commonly accepted conventions of the legitimate stage, with orchestras hidden in treble tops, with principals breaking out in song with little to no provocation and similar artifices. Either that or they followed the love-life-of-a-hooper-and-the-song-and-dance-girl, with a couple of production numbers thrown in on the side. Quantity production of these formula stories soured the public. People refused to go to musical pictures, even if they were good, they said.

Then followed a six months period of silence, certainly silence from any song. Companies with pictures in song eliminated the songs. No new musical pictures were attempted.

The pioneering Samuel Goldwyn is taking the first step in bringing about a new order. "Palmy Days," like its predecessors, has elaborate and intricate dance routines, staged by the same manner that they outdo "Whoopee," Busby Berkeley. But they are different kinds of numbers.

Chorus girls, for instance, don't exist in "Palmy Days." But at the same time, there are dozens and dozens of Hollywood's most decorative femininity, so decorative, in fact, that Goldwyn insists that they outdo "Whoopee." They are waitresses in the super-luxe-ship over, which Eddie Cantor presides as efficiency expert, or they are customers in the imposing lunch room as Eddie leads them in the intricate art of drinking to song and dance.

Other productions in the new manner are being prepared by the Hollywood studios, in which song and dance is used only as an essential part of the story, not as something dragged in by the neck while the story waits. Paramount, of course, has Maurice Chevalier in "The Smiling Lieutenant," M.G.M. is working on "Sky High," and RKO is preparing "Girl Crazy."

And so the picture fans, by refusing to accept the stage form of musical comedy, have created for themselves a new kind of screen entertainment.

## William Haines in Best Role.

"New Adventures of Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford" hilarious romance of high finance and love, with William Haines in the role of the happy-go-lucky grafter of the George Randolph Cheater "Get-Rich-Quick" stories will come to the King's Theatre on Sunday, and, incidentally, brings to the screen a Haines that will surprise the fans.

As the nimble-witted, wise-cracking bawdy man, in a story suggested by the famous Wallingford series in Cosmopolitan Magazine, Haines has a unique blend of comedy mixed with a few heart interest moments. But give him opportunity for some fine dramatic action.

Incidentally, the picture introduces to the screen a new type of laugh-maker in the person of Jimmy "Schmozi" Durants, New York's "Up to Him" comic, who makes his radio debut in the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production.

Ernest Torrence plays the famous role of Blackie Daw, Wallingford's companion in the gentle occupation of milking the unwary of their coin. Torrence and his saxophone add much to the laugh in the picture.

Loila Hynes is the heroine as the girl for whom the irrepressible Wallingford finally reforms, and the cast includes Guy Kibbee, Hale Hamilton, Robert McWade, Clara Blandick and Walter Walker, Sam Wood directed. Hilarious highlights in the new production are the fleecing of the Syracuse manufacturer in the bank, the comical escape from the detective, the masquerade of Blackie as a chemist on the clay hill, and other sprightly incidents.



## "The Santa Fe Trail."

Two child actresses play the leading feminine roles in "The Santa Fe Trail," filmed Hal G. Evans' novel "Spanish Acres," and is now showing at the King's Theatre.

However, one of the misses places an "e" before her title "child actresses." The players are Rosita Moreno, appearing opposite Richard Arlen, and Mitzi Green, who carries the juvenile interest of the picture with Junior Durkin. Mitzi is still a child actress. At nine, she is enjoying the popularity on the American screen that Rosita held on the South American dancing stage at the same age.

Being an interpreter of the difficult Castilian dances, Rosita's debut as a child favourite was delayed a couple of years past that of Mitzi. However, their careers are parallel.

Rosita learned to dance almost as soon as she could walk; Mitzi was mimicking grown-ups before she could talk. Both were born into stage families. Rosita was the daughter of La Pilarica and Pace Moreno, dancers. Mitzi's parents are Joe Keno and Rose Green, vaudeville performers. Rosita and Mitzi have lived behind the stage scenes all of their lives.

Both made their debuts at the age of three, Rosita won a children's dancing contest in Mexico City at that age, while at three Mitzi first stepped onto the stage as a mimic, imitating Sadie Bart, who happened to be on the same bill with Mitzi's parents.

Mitzi's professional stage debut was at six when she was signed for a vaudeville engagement after a scout had heard her do an imitation of Moran and Mack at a benefit performance. For two years, Mitzi was a vaudeville headliner with her imitations and at eight she entered motion pictures where she has since been at work.

Rosita's actual professional stage debut came when she was eight. Her parents were dancing in Buenos Aires.

## "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

## Numerous Pictures To-morrow.

There will be a large number of pictures of typical interest in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Pictorial Supplement.

Sporting illustrations will predominate, including many of the Inter-Varsity sports at Canton between Hongkong and Lingnam, the Interport Regatta, St. Paul's College sports, and the Senior football charity match between Services and Civilians.

Also appearing will be a photo of Dr. Ma Wai-man and his bride, Miss Wu Lai-wing (daughter of Dr. C. C. Wu), a picture of the Canton-Hongkong bridge under construction, and groups of the Hongkong ambulance workers and nurses at Shanghai.

and her father brought her onto the stage one night to do a dance. The manager of the theatre was so impressed by her dancing that he secured her services as a featured dancer at another theatre which he also managed. From then until her fourteenth birthday, Rosita was a favourite dancer throughout South America.

She came to the United States when fifteen and for the past five years has been a vaudeville headliner and a featured dancer in musical comedies in America.

"East of Borneo."

A motion picture set furnished with Oriental "props" valued at \$100,000 was used at Universal City for a number of scenes for "East of Borneo" the Far Eastern drama which is showing at the Central Theatre today.

The setting of the story is in the East Indies, and the exterior scenes were actually photographed in Java, Sumatra and the Malay Straits. "Interiors" were filmed at the studio, and this particular setting, representing the interior of an old palace, found the studio property men gathering many rare old Oriental pieces.

The prize of the collection was a bronze Buddha standing nine feet in height, and valued at \$25,000. Other smaller statues and statuettes were scattered about the set, and Lal Chand Mehra, noted East Indian technical adviser, declared that the "White Buddha," a small marble statue used in the picture, was one of the finest pieces he had ever seen.

In addition to the statuary there was a great array of real Oriental furniture, the most valuable piece being a long ebony bench inlaid with



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## FUNDS FOR A HUT.

## HEADQUARTERS FOR THE GIRL GUIDES.

The Committee and members of the Club Lusitano have very kindly offered the use of the Club for a Bridge and Mahjong Drive on Wednesday, April 27 at 3 p.m. In aid of the fund for building a Guide Headquarters Hut.

A site for the Hut has been obtained through the kindness of His Excellency Major General Sandilands, C.B. and about \$7,000 will be required for the erection of the Hut. Of this sum \$4,000 have been contributed and collected by Mr. Tung Shiu-kin to whom the Guide Movement is greatly indebted. The Hut is urgently needed owing to the growth of the Guide Movement in Hongkong.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga is showing great interest in the Hut and the following ladies have promised their valuable support: Mrs. W. T. Southern, Mrs. A. A. Alves, Mrs. Gist, Mrs. King, Mrs. S. A. Lopes, Mrs. Lopes, Mrs. Nowell, Mrs. C. A. da Rosa, Mrs. J. M. da Rocha, Mrs. J. V. V. Remedios, Mrs. F. X. da Silva, Mrs. I. M. Nolasco da Silva, Mrs. A. Soares and Mrs. F. I. Silva.

The following ladies and gentlemen have promised to serve on the Central Committee: Mrs. W. T. Southern, Mr. C. A. da Rosa, Mrs. King, Mrs. Remedios, Mr. Ho Leung, Mrs. Nowell (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer). Tickets at \$2 each and tables may be booked through Mrs. J. B. Newell, 12, Leighton Hill.

mother-of-pearl. Rugs and draperies which were used also represented a small fortune, and sterling silver was used for table services.

## SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS. The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

## Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1,520 b.  
Chartered Bank, \$1,134 n.  
Mercantile A. and B., \$20 n.  
East Asia, \$115 b.  
Am. O. Finance Corp., \$29 n.

## Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1,250 n.  
Union Ins., \$470.  
China Underwriters, \$1 n.  
China Fire, \$590 n.  
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1,195 n.

## Shipping.

Douglases, \$27 n.  
H. K. Steamboats, \$23 n.  
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$32 n.  
Union Waterboats, \$19½ n.

## Mining.

Benguets, \$13 X. Div. b.  
Kailans, 25/- n.  
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.10 n.  
Raubs, \$38 b.

## Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$143 b.  
Whampoa Docks, \$20 n.  
South China Motors, \$10 n.  
Providents (old), \$4.80 b.  
Hongkwa, Tls. 220 n.  
New Engineers Tls. 534 n.  
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 88 n.

## Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.75 b.  
Shanghai Cotton, Tls. 75 n.  
Zoon Sings Tls. 11½ n.

## Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. K. Hotels \$13.60 a. Cum Rts.  
H. K. Hotels, Rts. \$2.60 b.  
H. K. Lands, \$78 b.  
Shai Lands, Tls. 25 n.  
Humphreys \$18 n.  
Realities, \$11.10 b.  
Asia Realities "A", \$160 n.  
Asia Realities "B", \$30n.

## Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$21.75 b.  
Peak Tramway, (old), \$15.70 b.  
Star Ferries, \$91½ b.  
China Lights, \$21.35 n.  
H. K. Electric, \$74 b.  
Macao Electric, \$24½ n.  
Telephones, \$41 n.  
China Buses, Tls. 16 n.  
Singapore Traction, 3/- n.

## Industrials.

Maltbans, \$21 a.  
Canton Ice, \$5½ n.  
Cements (com.), \$18.50 b.  
Ropes, \$15½ n. X. Div.

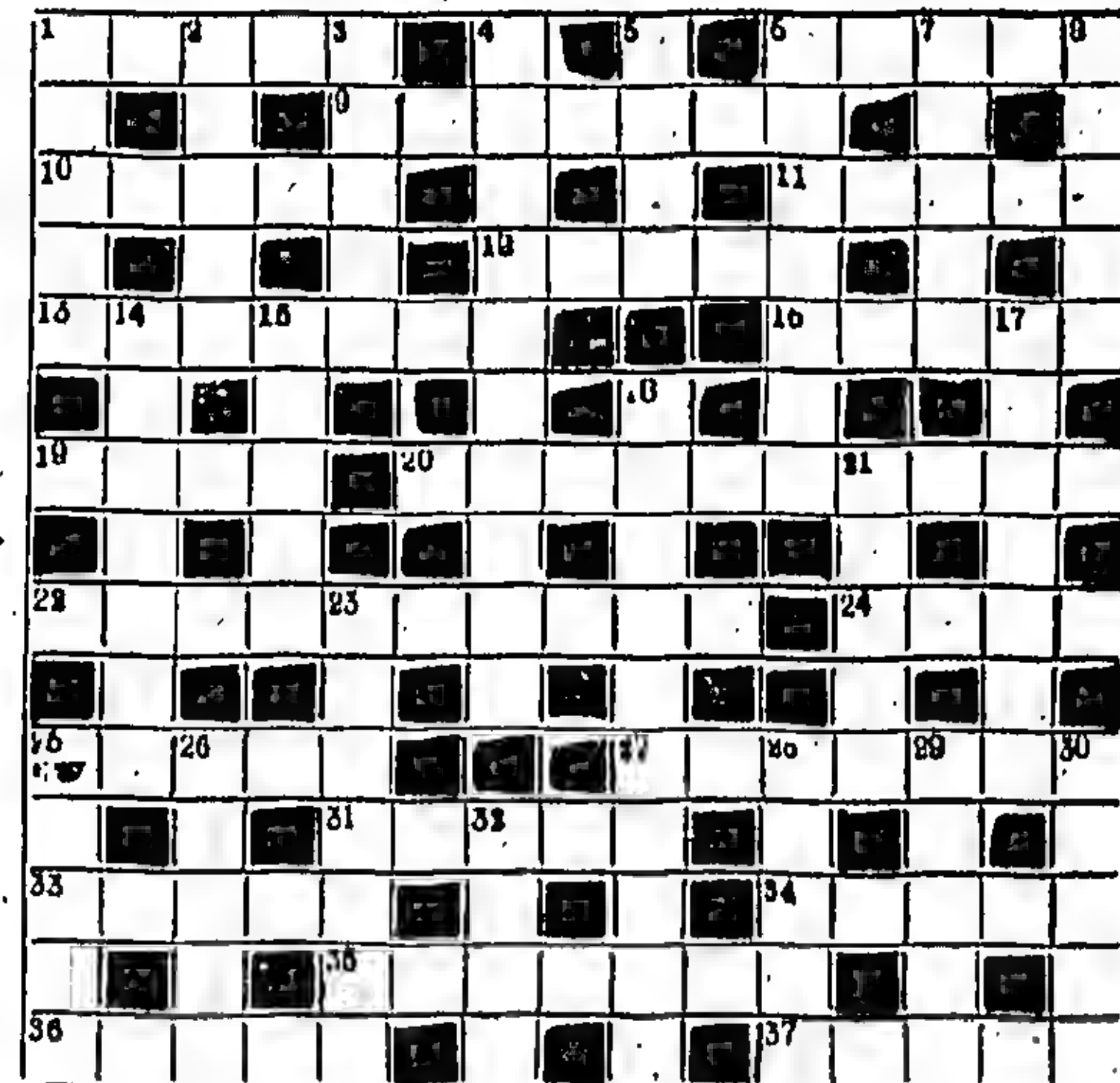
## Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$28.60 sa.  
Watsons, \$16 n.  
Watsons Rights, \$3½ b.  
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.  
Lane Crawford, \$5.50 n.  
Mackintosh, \$19 n.  
Sinceres, \$15½ n.  
Powells, \$3.65 n.

## Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$21½ b.  
Entertainments (old), \$14.90 n.  
Constructions (old), \$5.75 n.  
Constructions (new), \$1.85 b.  
S. C. Enterprises \$10 a.  
B. Ind. G. Bonds, \$58 n.  
Loans, \$3½ b. Prem.

## OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



## Across

- 1 Antique.
- 9 Key position in the Army.
- 9 Where things are made—but not crosswords.
- 10 Mohammedan demon.
- 11 Appertaining to a facial feature.
- 12 This flag is the one you see in the mirror.
- 13 This vegetable pins back a small blow.
- 16 Chosen.
- 19 Like Balbus, this ancient King of Mercia was famous, in that he, too, built a wall.
- 20 A "reg'lar feller" out West.
- 22 Frequently found in Tubes.
- 24 Here we see father.
- 25 It may be sharp, but there's money in it.
- 27 These, too, are attractive metal.
- 31 An unruly crew that sounds as though it had been saved up for something.
- 33 Replace.
- 34 More than fifty-four, but still sprightly.
- 35 Figure expert.
- 36 Equality, would be obtained if I were in the faction.
- 37 I have imbibed, I don't mind telling you here—but only ten!

## Down

- 1 What horses do to their bits in a foreign field.
- 2 Describes the air of the aviator.
- 3 Frequently of less than a dozen.
- 4 Pertaining to Holy Writ.
- 5 Hindu ascetic.
- 6 Re my hen (anag.).
- 7 David's father.
- 8 And he that will this health deny, down among the dead men there

- 14 I expect you'll take this as an insult, but don't be touchy about it.
- 16 Scarcely winds up with humbug.
- 17 Set your hat jauntily by the quarry, and find it in an aeroplane.
- 18 The "best teamman" doesn't look for decreases (anag.).
- 21 The polish of this country is merely varnish.
- 23 The road is plain before you.
- 25 Mind you don't get caught by the end of this piece of leather.
- 26 To be really satisfied this man could do with an extra head.
- 28 Common to watches and trains.
- 29 A genus of flowering plants found on heaths.
- 30 Don't be silent.
- 32 What the cyclist did on the sound of it.

## Yesterday's Solution.

**PRESUMPTUOUS**  
A T A H I U A  
S U P P O R T I N H A B I T  
T U M I M P E R S T  
E N U D E A N L E T T E  
P E N A S H E T D E B  
D R E A M S U N A S S E N T  
A G I N N E R O A  
U O C O R D T R E S I S T  
O U E S S A Y O M I  
H I N T S C B O A M E  
T T B Y E S A O N  
E L E M E N T E X P E R T  
S C A B H N O A  
T O R M E N T I N G L Y

## 21 YEARS AGO.

## SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended April 8th, 1911.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9.9/16d.

The death occurred of Captain Nell Mathieson, of the N.Y.K. fleet.

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce celebrated its jubilee with a dinner, at which there was a large and distinguished gathering.

Chief Detective Inspector Hanson was presented the King's Medal for long and meritorious service in the Hongkong Police Force.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris.....	96½	96½
Geneva.....	19.1/2	19.1/2
Berlin.....	16.95	16.95
Cologne.....	19.3/16	19.3/16
Hamburg.....	215	215
Athens.....	300	300
Buenos Aires.....	36.15/16	36½
Shanghai.....	1/8.5/16	1/8.7/16
New York.....	3.80½	3.78
Amsterdam.....	9.38	9.84½
Vienna.....	32	32
Madrid.....	60.3/16	60
Bucharest.....	630	637½
Hongkong.....	1/3.3/16	1/3.1/16
Brussels.....	27½	27
Milan.....	74½	73½
Stockholm.....	18½	18.00
Copenhagen.....	18.20	18.5/16
Prague.....	128½	128
Lisbon.....	110	110
Rio.....	4.1/16	4.1/16
Bombay.....	1/6.1/82	1/6.3/82
Yokohama.....	1/8½	1/9¼
Montevideo.....	30	23
Silver (spot).....	171	16.18/16
(Forward) 17.1/16		16½

—British Wireless.



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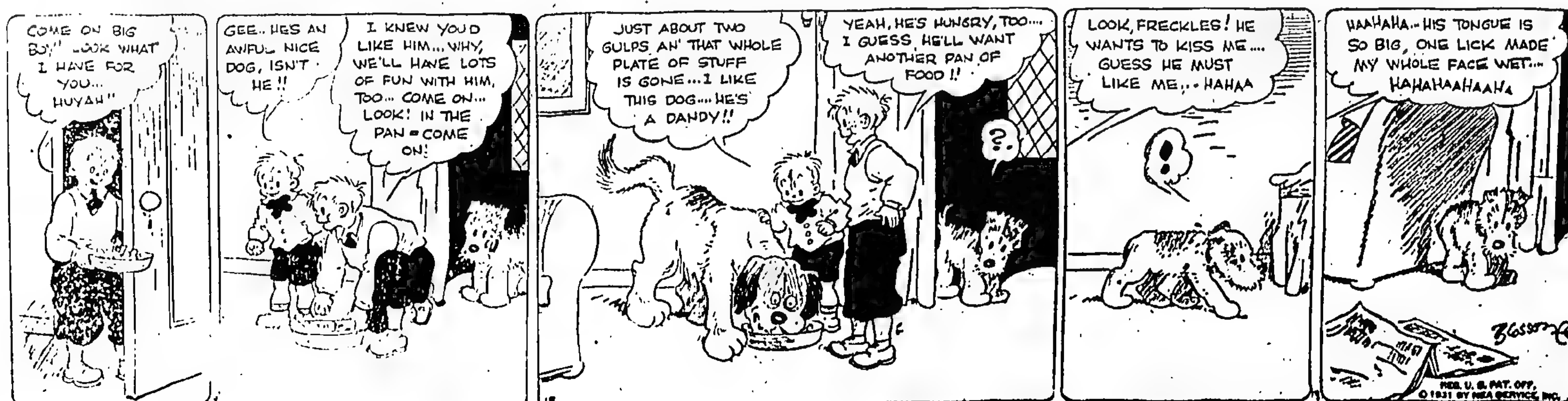
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## Poor Jumbo!

## By Blosser



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## DEATH.

MOGRA.—On April 6, at the Canton Sanatorium, Canton, Thelma Mogra, beloved wife of K. E. Mogra, Shamshien, aged 19.

The  
Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1932.

## RETRENCHMENT.

The report of the Retrenchment Commission, admirably conceived and drawn up though it is, will not command the attention that it would have done, and which it deserves, had it been made public at an earlier date. It was in July, 1930, that the Commission was appointed, and it took until May of the following year to conclude the very thorough investigations and commit to paper the conclusions reached. When it is remembered that no fewer than ninety-nine meetings were held, and that the whole Government machinery of the Colony had to be closely scrutinised, it will be agreed that the Commissioners did remarkably well to present their report inside a year of their appointment. On the other hand, there is no reason of which we know why the Government could not have expedited publication. Its commentary, dealing with the issues raised, is dated October last, yet we have had to wait a further six months before even knowing what the Commission recommended.

The first thought which strikes us after reading through the report and commentary is the immensity of the task to which the Commissioners set their hands. It is one thing to make vague and general criticisms of the Colony's administration, but quite another to probe into every department and sub-department, to fasten on the weak spots, and to suggest sensible reforms. This is what the Commission had to do: a truly colossal task. The work has been amazingly well done. The Government itself, while not agreeing with all the proposals put forward, would, we have no doubt, concede that point. On the whole, the investigators appear to have had the willing co-operation of the Civil Service, although in the case of the P.W.D. it is put on record that some of the witnesses were merely

reticent, while others were frankly obstructive. On this point, the Government is silent. Speaking generally, the Government appears to have shown a disposition willingly to accept such recommendations as it considers to have been reasonable, although in some instances proposals have been turned down without any very satisfying reasons being adduced. The opposition to the suggested fixing of exchange for sterling commitments, to name only one, is a case in point. On the whole, however, the official attitude has not been unreasonable, and there are some instances in which the Government has made out quite a good case for declining to comply with specific recommendations. The biggest problem with which the Commission had to deal was undoubtedly the task of endeavouring to indicate where decentralisation would be possible, especially in the C.S.O. and the P.W.D. Many valuable proposals were put forward in this connexion, while in insisting that heads of departments and sub-departments should be entrusted with a greater measure of responsibility the Commissioners went to the root of much of the circumlocution in administrative affairs in this Colony. There is far too much passing on of responsibility in our Civil Service. Pertinent points are also made in regard to the method of keeping accounts, in which respect it is noteworthy that the Government says nothing of the strictures passed.

It is impossible in the space at our command to go more fully into the report at the moment, but it is at any rate gratifying to know that as a result of the labours of the Commission the Government has accepted economies involving close on three lakhs of dollars, to say nothing of others which cannot be expressed in terms of dollars and cents. To sum up, the investigators were entrusted with a most unenviable task. They have discharged it in a manner worthy of the highest praise. The community owes them its gratitude for an exacting job well done.

## Disarmament and Employment.

In support of plans for world disarmament, a conclusive case can be made out from the economic, military, historical and moral standpoints. If nations agree, if political difficulties can be reconciled, it is admitted that all-round reductions of fighting forces are technically possible. As an attraction to the heavily burdened taxpayer, the broad suggestion of a 25 per cent. reduction of expenditure on armaments is calculated to appeal, apart from the question of lessening the risk of future wars. So far disarmament has everything to recommend it to the community at large. But it will not bring unmixed blessing to everyone. While obviously, "the greatest good to the greatest number" must be the prime consideration of organised society, no nation, however, can neglect its responsibility towards the citizens who will lose their present livelihood, and whose families will be threatened with the spectre of want as a consequence of disarmament. The British League of Nations Union initiated expert investigations into this problem of disarmament and unemployment, under the direction of a former Financial Secretary to the War Office. Early in March, it organised a Conference at the London School of Economics. It was found that the issues to be faced, in essence if not in scope, are similar to those which must inevitably accompany all schemes for industrial rationalisation. In the past, all applications of scientific development to industry have caused temporary dislocation and unemployment. Actually, of course, in connexion with disarmament, the dislocation has already started in a small degree. Naval cuts have displaced a certain number of workers and have indirectly affected shopkeepers in shipbuilding centres. The British problem, of course, has been on an infinitely smaller scale than that which confronted Germany after the War when the Allies imposed compulsory disarmament. At the great Krupp works, fourteen factories employing 47,000 workers were involved. About 12,000 pieces of machinery had to be destroyed, and others converted to new purposes. Yet the Krupp factories were able to go over to the manufacture of an infinite variety of peace-time articles. At

## DAY BY DAY

ONE OF THE SUREST ELEMENTS OF POLITICAL SUCCESS IS THE FRIENDSHIP OF YOUNG MEN.—A Master of Balliol.

The Ben Line s.s. Banlawers, from Home via Straits, in due here on the 18th instant from Penang.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel will be at Home to The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Duppuy this afternoon at 4.30 p.m.

The Right Reverend C. R. Duppuy, Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong is sailing for England on Saturday, April 8, by the R. & O. S. S. Corfu. He will leave by launch from Queen's Pier at 11 a.m.

Yu Yuk-ching, aged 5, living at Larch Street, Mongkok, was taken by her parents yesterday to the Kwong Wah Hospital, where she died, having been fatally burnt, when, playing near a spirit stove, she accidentally upset it and her clothing caught fire.

"Behind Office Doors", now showing at the Queen's Theatre, featuring Mary Astor, Robert Ames and Ricardo Cortez, is a story of the love of two girls for one man. He, a flattered and pampered individual, is depicted as oscillating in his affections, and wanting in gratitude until faced with a business crisis when the way to true love is pointed out to him. The story lags in parts, but there is plenty of humour.

## SUGAR MARKET.

## THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

## London, Terminals.

August 1932 4/8½ up 1¼d.  
December 1932 5¼ up 2¼d.  
March 1933 5/3½ up 2d.  
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Buyers at above prices, sellers asking ¼d-½d. more.

## New York Terminals.

(No quotations).

The League of Nations Union's Conferences, well-known experts put forward proposals for dealing with unemployment in connexion with disarmament, including conversion of existing factories, introduction to new industries, the establishment of training centres for displaced workers, the payment of compensation where necessary, colonial development and the extension of trade facilities. It was emphasised that the money saved from reduction of armaments should not pass immediately into the pockets of the taxpayers, but should be partly used to prevent distress among the affected workers. One thing that is evident is the need for deliberate and conscious planning. Any nation which can plan beforehand for the emergencies of war should be capable of making adequate provision for the emergencies of peace.

LOCAL TENNIS FARCE.  
IS CHRONIC APATHY OF CLUBS  
'TO CONTINUE?

By "Netcord"

Hongkong tennis clubs are possibly not aware of it; yet it is so obvious. They have been stalling a big farce, in two acts. The first revealed unbounded enthusiasm over a project to give a new impetus to local tennis; the second act covered the chronic apathy when asked to put into effect this project. If only they would make up their minds in which of the two they desire to be believed!

This attitude is difficult to excuse, or even explain. In 1930, the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association was reorganised, with two main objects; firstly, to assume proper control over the game in the Colony in a manner befitting its title and implied status; secondly, to acquire means by which to carry this into effect. The former was dependent on provision of the means, which is still unfulfilled. But true to the instructions given by its members (i.e. local tennis clubs affiliated) the L. T. A. set about the task of finding a "home" for the Association and its members, on which could be staged and organised the principal tennis events.

## The Only Doubt.

It was a difficult task: a severe ground shortage in Hongkong left the Association with no alternative but to seek a site in Kowloon. In this the clubs acquiesced. A site was discovered. Of this the clubs were duly informed and on January 9, of this year, the Council of the Association unanimously recommended the adoption of a scheme which provided for the leasing of a piece of ground in Chatham Road, Kowloon. The members of the Council had before them full details of the project, with architect's plans, and estimates. At the same time it became evident that the Association, to carry out the scheme properly, would have to be incorporated, and that a debenture list would have to be opened to provide the money necessary for the work.

The one doubt expressed was whether the site was not too exposed to the high winds from Lyemoon Pass. It was a point worth consideration, and consideration it was given. But subject to this, the proposals were received with enthusiasm, inviting a confident belief that the Association's programme was meeting with the full approval of its members. Further indication of this was given at an extraordinary general meeting of the Association on January 25, when again the scheme was carefully outlined and appeals were made to the members to express their views, particularly if they were contrary-minded. But again a unanimous opinion in favour of it was expressed.

## Apathetic Reaction.

Then followed an appeal to the clubs (by circular letter) asking them to intimate to what extent they would be prepared to support the scheme by taking out debentures. Surprising though it may seem, the waving of enthusiasm dates from the despatch of this letter.

Came the annual general meeting of the Association at the end of last month, when the fear that the Association had been lured in

to a sense of false optimism regarding the attitude of the clubs proved to be justified. From the expressions of opinion given then, the earlier efforts to discover the attitude of the clubs, had, to all intents and purposes, been entirely wasted, and a ludicrous position arose when the Secretary was instructed to circulate all clubs asking them, once again, whether they were, or were not, in favour of the scheme.

The clubs have got to make up their minds. It is a "simple enough question, requiring a simple reply. Either the clubs desire, or they do not want, a permanent ground for championship, interport, exhibition and league tennis. They are not even required to stake their affiliation by contributing to the debenture list. Do they, or do they not, want a ground? And if so, are they in favour of the suggested site in Kowloon.

## Complete Indifference.

The clubs must not act as though they are being rushed into something which has been kept a close secret. They have all the facts before them: can inspect the ground whenever they desire; have ample chance to weigh up the pros and cons, and need not be afraid that if they turn the project down as it stands, that they are being disloyal to the Association.

They must realise, if they haven't done so already, that the L.T.A., exists in their interests. It has no axe to grind. Its executive is the unpaid servant of the clubs, and its duties are to control and work for the welfare of the game in the Colony.

The present proposals, which form a definite attempt to realise the chief necessity of the Association, need careful consideration, but latterly the clubs appear to have displayed complete indifference.

Is the Association to abandon the project without even knowing the feelings of its members? That is the question which confronts its officers, who have received practically no assistance from those whose interest should be even more lively than that of the L.T.A. officials.

## The Alternative.

In reading their decisions, clubs have one or two things to consider. If the Association does not take the opportunity of securing the present site, what is the alternative? A ground on the island is out of the question, the important consideration being that it must occupy a central site. A ground at Aberdeen or Causeway Bay would be useless. There is no available land in the city, or even its nearest outskirts, making it imperative to seek a venue somewhere in Kowloon.

The suggested position is not an ideal spot. It promises many disadvantages, but it is at least within reasonable distance of the Star Ferry and can be reached by bus and ricksha. In this respect it is just as accessible, and perhaps even more so, than the Kowloon Cricket Club. And if this site is not secured, where is the Association to find a ground, by which alone it can carry out the chief object of its existence?

Is it to be forced into the position of the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association, which "bona fide" only one court, and possesses that only through the courtesy of the French Club, which reserves it for the use of the Association. Must it go, say to the Kowloon Cricket Club (and where else?) with cap in hand, and beg the reservation of a court (naturally upon conditions), and from there attempt to put into effect its objects?

## This or Nothing.

The L.T.A., is in the unfortunate position of having reorganised itself and embarked upon a programme several years later than it should. All the most suitable plots of land have been taken over, and the Association finds itself in the unenviable position of a beggar who can't be a chooser. So far as can be seen, it is the Chatham Road site or nothing if the L.T.A., is to have its own ground, with full control over its use.

Other than this it will have to beg or borrow a court, or courts, from a club in the position, and willing, to sacrifice any part of their ground, or failing this—and the alternative has to be faced—it will have to abandon entirely any hope of assuming effective control over tennis in Hongkong.

For these reasons, it is vital that the clubs should determine without further waste of time, whether or not they desire the Association to go on with the project. It will be a bitter disappointment to the L.T.A., if its members turn the scheme down, but even this is to be preferred to silence and indifference.



"No, no, Johnny! Let's not put our feet in the nice man's face."



## AGREEMENT ELUSIVE.

### THE FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE.

#### DECISIONS TO BE POSTPONED.

London, Apr. 7. The Four-Power Conference is coming to an end in London to-morrow with no prospect of an agreement before adjournment.

The announcement does not mean that negotiations have broken down. The issues are to be taken up again, probably at Geneva, where the delegates will meet next week at the Disarmament Conference.

The Committee of the heads of the conference found itself evenly divided. Two of the Powers were prepared to arrive at an agreement immediately. The other two, while willing to advance matters as quickly as possible, were unable to give definite replies on some of the points raised.

**More Information Needed.**

It is believed that a unanimous agreement is still possible, but information is required which will take more than a few hours to collect.

The main point of discussion is stated on good authority to be the suggestion that certain Powers should waive their rights under the most-favoured-nation clauses of their treaties with the Danubian States.

It is understood that the Committee agreed in principle that the Danubian States must be placed upon a self-sufficing basis and that the help given must be such as to enable the States to develop without further outside assistance.

**Self-Help.**

There was complete accord that mere outside help would not be sufficient to prevent the States from collapsing and that the States themselves must reach an agreement in regard to their future welfare.

It appears that Italy and Germany would be useless unless the Danubian States were represented thereon and it was claimed that both Italy and Bulgaria should be included in the Danubian States.

The opinion was also expressed that many other countries are interested in the trade of the Danubian States, the interests of which are so complex that no proposal would suit them all.

**Official Communique.**

The following communique was issued after to-day's sittings: The Committee appointed by the Four-Power Conference yesterday sat both this morning and this afternoon at the Foreign Office and examined in detail the main proposals put forward at the Conference. A Report of the proceedings will be made to the Conference at its meeting to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

It is understood that during to-day's long discussions, the delegates found problems arising which some of the Governments represented require to consider further before committing themselves to any definite attitude.

Consequently, the Conference will to-morrow adjourn, arranging to resume at a later date, possibly at Geneva, or, if more convenient some other continental centre.

**One Agreement.**

The adjournment is not likely to be of long duration because all the four powers are agreed at least upon the urgency of the Danubian problem.

Meanwhile, the Governments will be able to study the questions at issue in relation to their own individual interests and in the interval, further information, and data not at the disposal of the present Conference will be collected.

An agreement was not obtainable to-day because the delegates found themselves unable to give a definite reply on certain essential points, the main issue being whether the Governments represented would be willing to waive their rights in order to permit the Danubian States a little more freedom to make customs and fiscal arrangements.

**British View.**

The British Government take the view that rigid insistence on most-favoured-nation rights by the great Powers must necessarily impede any measures which the Danubian States can adopt to restore the flow of normal trade. The different economic interests of the different states concerned has proved one of the obstacles which the conference so far has failed to overcome.

## LAUNCH'S SAFETY VALVES.

### INTERFERING CHARGE BROUGHT.

Ho Lau, the coxswain, and Chan Kan, the engineer, of the steam launch Fook Wo, were charged before the Hon. Comdr. Hole, at the Harbour Office this morning, with having caused the safety valves of the launch to be under the control of the engineer by removing the padlocks fitted by the Government Marine Surveyor.

Mr. F.H. Loseby appeared on behalf of defendants, and tendered a plea of not guilty.

Lance Sergeant Morris, conducting the prosecution, said that at 3 p.m. on April 2 he boarded the Fook Wo and made an examination of the safety valves. He found that the valve on the starboard side had no lock on it at all, and the pin was broken. On the port side, he found the lock in its place, but unlocked. To it was attached another lock. He called the engineer and asked him how the pin on the starboard side was broken. The engineer made no reply, but re-locked the lock on the port side. Witness then examined the marine surveyor's certificate, and found that the pressure was 125 lbs., but the pressure gauge of the launch read 120 lbs.

In reply to Mr. Loseby, witness said the engineer was in the act of conducting the examination of the valves. The safety valve was situated amidsthips on top of the boiler, and easily approached from the deck. He did not know whether it could be got at from the engine room. The port side lock was open when he first saw it.

Sergeant J. Peely corroborated.

**Charge Amended.**

Comdr. Hole, at this stage, said the charge should be amended to read "interfere with or cause," and he asked Mr. Loseby whether he pleaded guilty to the amended charge.

Mr. Loseby tendered a plea of not guilty, and submitted that the words "interfere with" had two interpretations. One was interfering with the valves, and the other was interfering with the workings of the valves.

Comdr. Hole said it was obvious that the Ordinance intended that the valves should be left severely alone.

Mr. Loseby contended that that argument could not be used against his clients, because the launch was one which ran out-side territorial waters and to Canton. There might be trouble with the valves at Canton, and some official might correct it. When the launch returned to Hongkong, the very fact that the valves had been touched made his clients responsible. That was not what the Ordinance intended, and he submitted that the proper meaning was that the working of the safety valves should not be interfered with. In any case, he contended, the charge against his clients was not one of interfering with the valves at all.

Comdr. Hole adjourned the case until April 19.

#### WUCHOW NOTES.

#### CHING MING FESTIVAL CELEBRATED.

Wuchow, Apr. 5. The Ching Ming Festival was appropriately observed here to-day. Clear skies and warm weather made it possible for hundreds of residents to make pilgrimages to the graves of their ancestors. The hills surrounding the city were dotted with small groups of people repairing, decorating, and worshipping the mounds which mark the resting places of their departed relatives. A public holiday was declared, which was observed by the schools and some business houses. Thousands of holiday seekers visited Wuchow's two parks.

On Monday evening two grey-coloured biplanes circled the city several times and then landed at the airfield, where they were placed in a hangar until the following day at noon, when they again hopped-off in the direction of Nan-ning. It is believed that the planes are part of a consignment of fourteen which are being purchased by the Kwangsi Provincial Government for use in the Province.—Our Own Correspondent.

Yesterday's health return shows two cases of small-pox and one of cerebro-spinal fever.

The British and French proposals have been taken as the basis of discussion during the Conference and various alternative suggestions have been put forward by German and Italian delegates. The difficulties encountered are not considered insuperable and British circles are still hopeful that an agreed plan will before long be evolved.—British Wireless.

## OLD RESIDENT'S DEATH.

### MR. C. A. D'ASSUMPCAO PASSES AWAY.

The Portuguese community of Hongkong has learned with considerable regret of the death, which took place last night, of Mr. Carlos Augusto Rocha D'Assumpcao, at his residence in Pence Avenue, Homantin. The deceased was an old resident of the Colony, and was held in high esteem by members of his community, with whom he was extremely popular.

Although the late Mr. D'Assumpcao had been in indifferent health for some considerable time, his sudden demise came as a shock to his most intimate friends. It was while at dinner that he was seized with a sudden heart attack and within ten minutes he passed away.

Son of the late Baron D'Assumpcao and the late Donna Guilhermina Rocha, he was born at Macao 69 years ago, and spent all his life until retirement in the service of the Portuguese Government; first as Chief Interpreter in the Department of the Chinese Secretariat, then as Head of the same Department, and as Chinese Interpreter accompanying various political Missions which from time to time proceeded to Peking. He held the position of Secretary to the Portuguese Legation at Peking in 1902.

The deceased was married to Donna Merlinda de Senna Fernandes, who predeceased him many years ago.

His official career dates back to 1894 when he held the position of Vice-Consul for Portugal in Shanghai. He was a member of the Portuguese Commission at the Opium Conference held in 1908-1909, Consul for Portugal in Canton in the momentous years of 1910-1911, whence he retired from the Government service and settled with his large family in Hongkong. He lived at Kowloon ever since.

In recognition of his services he was decorated at the early age of 19 years with the Order of Isabel Catholica by the Spanish Government, with the Order of the Double Dragon by the Chinese Government, and was a Knight of the Order of Christ of Portugal, being also invested with the Order of St. Thiago by his own Government.

The members of the family of the late Mr. D'Assumpcao who are left to mourn his loss are Jono C. P. (son), solicitor practising at Macao, the Misses Ana, Guilhermina, Merlinda, Ines, Maria, Edith, Leonor Amalia (daughters), Carlos A. Jr. (son), of Messrs. Botelho Bros., Bernardino (son), of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., and Mrs. Bernardino D'Assumpcao, and Mrs. Maria Emilia Ferreira (sister) of Macao, to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended in their bereavement.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

## LORRY MISHAP SEQUEL.

### OWNER AND DRIVER FINED.

A motor accident near Tai-koo Dockyard on March 22 resulted in the appearance before Mr. Schofield, at the Central Police Court this morning, of the owner and the driver of a motor lorry.

The owner of the vehicle was summoned for failing to have the lorry in proper condition and also for not seeing that it had two independent and efficient brakes, while the driver was accused of negligent driving. Pleas of guilty were entered by the defendants to all counts.

Acting Sub-Inspector Saunders said that on March 15 the lorry was to be have been inspected by the Traffic Department, but the driver notified the office that the vehicle was out of order. Instructions were given that it was not to be used until it had been examined and passed by the police. On March 22, the lorry was involved in an accident, when four people were admitted to hospital. An examination of the lorry revealed that the front axle was out of alignment and the brakes inefficient. The accident appeared almost certain to have been due to the faulty condition of the vehicle.

The lorry was going down the hill near Tai-koo Dock from east to west and when half way down, it suddenly swerved to the left and overturned. The driver could not explain why it had turned to the left.

The owner of the lorry was fined \$10 for not repairing the lorry and \$25 for failing to provide it with efficient brakes, while the driver was fined \$25 for negligent driving.

For driving a car at speed of 35 miles an hour through Whitefield, which is a controlled area, a Chinese motorist, C. H. Lam, was fined \$20 by his Worship.

## HONGKONG WOMEN.

### "ANNABELLA" REPLIES TO "HOMO".

Sir,—I fail to see how "Homo" considers that his "criticism" of women taken in the aggregate was unavoidable or how he expected to "reform" them. Seems rather a weak excuse, and if any reformation at all is needed by Hongkong women, then one would imagine that courtesy and kindness would go a very much longer way towards this end than could be achieved by crude remarks. I am not overlooking the fact that the word "kindness" has a wealth of meaning.

He also says that he "regrets" that hostility has been demonstrated by innuendo and personal revilement. Had his first letter not pointed to women in general, hostility would not have been called for because were it not for the good as well as the bad, then Nature could not balance up. As for the other phrase, think twice "Homo".

The "modern lounge lizard" referred to by "Homo" is most decidedly not my "definition" of a gentleman. After all, each and all of us are entitled to our own opinions.

I am pleased to think that my "conjectures cut no ice" as far as "Homo's" "established views on woman are concerned". He surely did not start the correspondence in the hopes that his views might end.

Regarding the "discontinuation of human evolution", why worry about that? The future can probably take care of itself. If all men were of the type of our forefathers and placed home, wife and children first in their thoughts and "a good time" in the back of life's books, then there would be no excuse to-day for any woman to evade any of the responsibilities which might be her lot. It is when a husband fails to shoulder his share that trouble brews. It is therefore up to each and all to shoulder our share if any love or respect is to be earned, and after all, it is impossible to "command" that which should come from the depths of the heart.—Yours, etc.,

ANNABELLA.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

### OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

A somewhat quieter tone prevailed at this morning's session, but there was no material change in rates.

#### Sales.

Union Insurance \$470/475  
Providents (Old) \$4.95  
Hotels (Cum. Rights) \$13 1/2  
China Cottons Tls. 14.85  
Hongkong Trans \$22  
China Lights (Old) \$21 1/2  
Hongkong Electric \$73 1/2/74  
Telephones (P.P.) \$24 1/2  
Cements (Combined) \$18 1/2  
Dairy Farms \$28.60

#### Buyers.

Hongkong Banks \$1520  
Union Insurance \$470  
Benguet \$13 ex.Div.  
Raubs \$38  
Wharves \$143  
Providents (Old) \$4.80  
Providents (New) \$2 1/2  
Hotels (Cum. Rights) \$13.55  
Hotels (Rights) \$2.60  
Hongkong Realty \$11.10  
Chinese Estates \$95  
Ewo Cottons Tls. 14.75  
Hongkong Trans \$21 1/2  
Peak Trans (Old) \$15.70  
China Lights (Old) \$21.55  
China Lights (New) \$20 1/2  
Hongkong Electric \$74  
Telephones (P.P.) \$24 1/2  
Cements (Combined) \$18 1/2  
Watsons (Rights) \$3 1/2  
Amusements \$21 1/2  
Cognatronics (New) \$1.90  
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#### Sellers.

International Assn. Tls. 4  
Hotels (Cum. Rights) \$13.60  
Malabar Sugars \$21  
S. C. Enterprises \$10

## BRITISH MINISTER STEPS IN.

(Continued from Page 1).

to leave to a military committee the problem of studying whether or not the presence of Chinese troops at Pootung and south of the Soochow Creek can be held to constitute a menace to the Japanese position after the partial withdrawal from the existing front lines.

The discussions lasted until six o'clock last night and though they terminated without any result whatever, it is felt that there is ground for confidence that the conference will largely succeed.

### LIMIT REACHED.

It is, however, not safe to assume too much at present. Japan has definitely reached the limit of concessions and the future success of the conference depends mainly upon the willingness of the Chinese to meet the Japanese requirements, according to the opinion of leading Japanese.

## RADIO BROADCAST

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.

By Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.s.)  
6.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese recorded programme.  
7.00-10.30 p.m. European recorded programme.  
7.00 p.m. Stock and exchange quotations.  
7.05-7.15 p.m. Suite Francaise (Foulds) played by the Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards. B2751-B2742.

8.00 p.m. Local time and weather report.  
7.15-8.15 p.m. Variety.  
Humorous Song-How About Me? Humorous Song-Oh You Have No Idea.

Gracie Fields. B2705.  
Hawaiian Orchestra-My Hula Love. Hawaiian Orchestra-Kawaihau Waltz. Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra. B2709.  
Song-Mummy Is Gone. Song-High Water.

Paul Robeson. B3009.  
Organ Solo-Valise Mystereuse. Organ Solo-Souvenir di Valentino. Vocal Duet-Just What I Thought. Vocal Duet-Eggs, Toast and Coffee. Dora Mangan and Walter Fehl. B3000.

Band-Washington Post March. The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards. B3787.  
Humorous Song-Don't Criticize. Humorous Song-Does My Sweetie Care For Me? Leslie Sarony. B2351.

8.15-8.32 p.m. Three Cornered Hat Suite (de Falla)- (a) The Neighbours (b) The Miller's Dance (c) Final Dance. The New Light Symphony Orch. Conducted by Malcolm Sargent. B2722.

8.32-9.25 p.m. Operatic. Orchestral-Faust Selections (Gounod). The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards. C1877.  
Song-Don Giovanni (Mozart)-"Scold Me Dear Masetto." "Song-Il Re Pastore (Mozart)-"I Will Love Her."

Elizabeth Rethberg (Sopr.). 7472.  
Orchestral-The Queen of Sheba (Goldmark)-Ballet Music. Chicago Symphony Orch. 7474.  
Song-Traviata (Verdi)-"Wild My Dreams of Youth." Song-Lucia (Donizetti)-"Tomb of My Sainted Fathers." Beniamino Gigli (Tenor). 6876.  
Orchestral-Manon (Massenet). Fantasy.

Marek Weber and His Orch. 30046.  
9.25-9.50 p.m. Gilbert and Sullivan Selections. The Yeomen of the Guard. H. M. Coldstream Guards. C1289.  
Patience. The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards. C1274.

The Gondoliers. The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards. C1273.  
9.50-10.25 p.m. A Concert. Vocal Duet-The Thought Never Entered My Head. Vocal Duet-Moon Enchanted (Besley). Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham. B2270.

String Bass Solo-Minuet in G (Beethoven). String Bass Solo-Valise Miniature (Koussevitzky). Serge Koussevitzky. 1476.  
Vocal Quartet-Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes (Arr. G. T. Ball). Messrs. Capel Dixon and Frank Haswell and Masters E. Lough and R. Mallett. B2770.  
Piano Solo-Valise Brillante (Chopin). Piano Solo-Valise Caprice (Rubenstein).

Ignace Jan Paderewski. 6877.  
Song-Walt (D'Hardelot). Song-In An Old Fashioned Town (Squire). John Turner (Tenor). B2305.  
Violin Solo-Serenade (Schubert). Michela Elnan. 7401.  
Song-Dearest Love, My Love (Friml). Lillian Davies (Sop.). B3192.

10.25 p.m. 10.30 p.m. Close Down. (All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co.).

## SHANGHAI SHARES.

### THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. received the following cabled quotations of Shanghai shares yesterday:

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China Realty Co.	11.25
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New Engineering	6.75
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Hongkong Wharves	218.00
Electricity (Bearer)	30.00
Ewo Cottons	14.85
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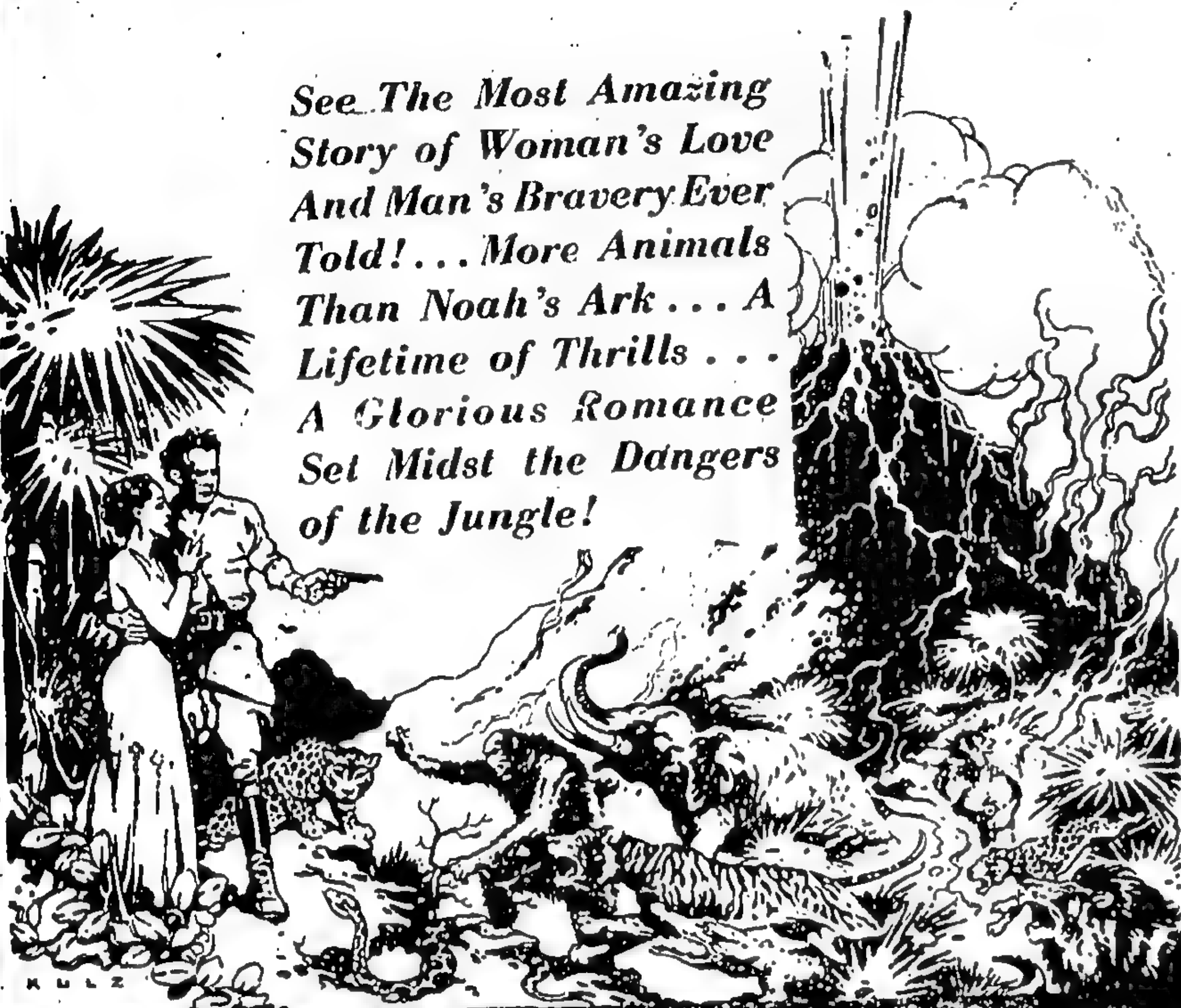


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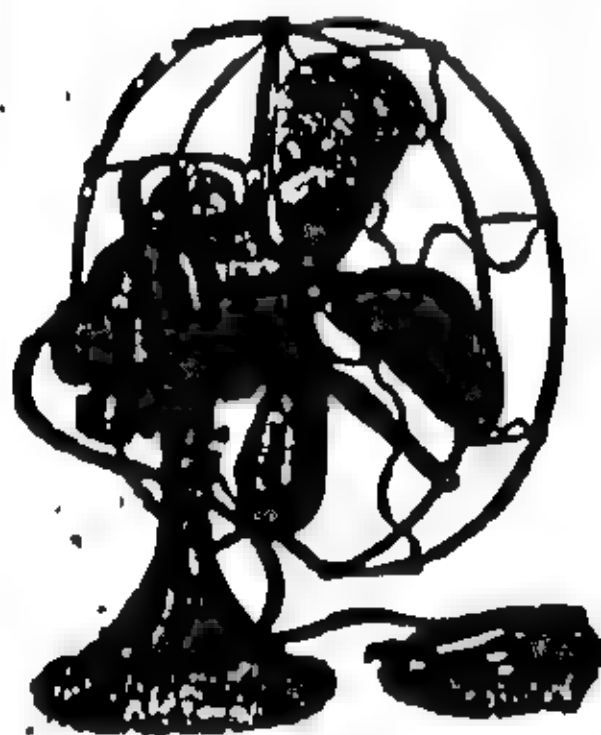
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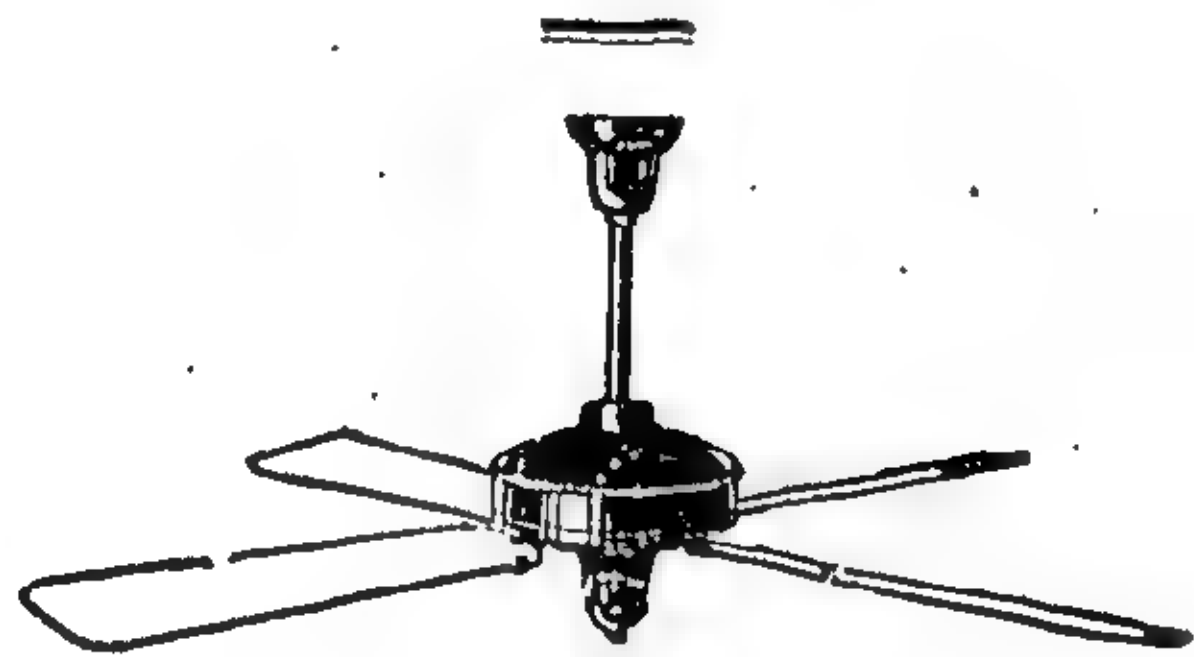
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## JUNIOR CRICKET.

INDIAN R.C. TEAM FOR  
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The following will represent the  
Champions of the 2nd Div. (Indian  
R.C.) against the "Rest" on the  
Civil Service C.C. ground to-morrow:  
M. R. Abbas (Capt.), A. R. Abbas,  
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Ismail, S. Ismail, M. P. Madar, K.  
Nazari, A. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Sufiad  
and A. S. Sufiad. Reserve—A. T.  
Barma.

## The Rest Team.

The Rest will be represented by the  
following players:—H. E. Strange,  
Capt. and S. Randle (Civil Service),  
F. E. Lawrence and F. S. W. Smith  
(Kowloon C.C.), R. S. W. Paterson  
(Hongkong C.C.), T. R. Hunter  
(Police), J. W. Leonard (Craighen-  
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Borderers) and A. Prata (Club de  
Recreo). Reserves: D. R. Kilbee  
(Hongkong C.C.), B. R. Baker  
(Police) and F. G. MacGowan (Civil  
Service).

## BRUTAL BANDITS.

THREAT TO CUT OFF EARS  
OF RUSSIAN CAPTIVE.

Harbin, Apr. 7.

The horrible fate of having both  
ears cut off awaits a prominent  
Russian merchant, M. V. Hoffman,  
if his captors do not receive a ran-  
som of \$300,000.

This threat is made in a letter  
to-day to the relatives of Hoffman,  
who was abducted on March 12 by  
a gang of robbers. All efforts to  
trace the captive have hitherto  
failed.

The letter declares that if the  
ransom be not paid, one of Hoff-  
man's ears will be cut off and sent  
to his relatives. If this "surprise"  
does not inspire payment of the  
ransom, then the other ear will be  
similarly despatched. — Reuter  
Morning Post Special.



## TOUCH AND GO.

THRILLING 4TH SET  
DECIDES ISSUE.

## WINNING PAIR.

Although the success of Fincher  
and Goldman in the open doubles  
championship yesterday greatly  
pleased the large gallery, making  
certain as it does their meeting  
with S.A. and H.D. Rumjahn in  
the final on Tuesday next, the out-  
standing feature of the game was  
the splendid fight made by Ho  
Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit, who, by  
no means overawed by the reputa-  
tion and previous demonstrations  
of the European couple, contested  
every inch and all but managed  
to force the issue to a fifth set.

The experience gained by the  
Chinese combination as a result  
of their visit to Shanghai last  
year proved of tremendous value  
to them. While for three out of  
the four sets they were mainly on  
the defensive, so cleverly did they  
exploit this phase of the game,  
that it nearly proved their op-  
ponent's undoing. For the most  
part the Chinese concentrated on  
lobbing, but there were occasions,  
in the second and fourth sets,  
when they attacked with refresh-  
ing vigour and had Goldman and  
Fincher bewildered.

Ho Ka-lau's improvement over-  
head was a pleasing feature of his  
game, and if he could but have  
reproduced it in his ground strokes  
and volleying, the game might  
have been completely altered. Ho  
has largely forsaken his old style  
of smash and volley, when he  
used to jump to the ball and mere-  
ly push it over the net. He now  
"kills" with a definite stroke.

Yew Man-kit shone in the ser-  
vice line, and scored more points  
from this than by any other shot.  
Several times he completely beat  
Goldman, with these fast going-  
away cross-court shots, while  
when they were returned they  
offered easy "kills" at the net.

Fincher was the more impres-  
sive of the winning pair, his  
covering of the court being very  
fine. Goldman enjoyed his flashes  
of brightness, but was distinctly  
below form and was hardly ever  
seen at his best at the net. The  
fact that Ho and Yew's tactics  
allowed Fincher and Goldman  
to maintain an offensive played  
an important part in their success.  
The winners took the first set at  
6-3, but by no means had things  
their own way, and it was not at

## DIOCESAN BOYS.

A NEW HEADMASTER  
APPOINTED.

Mr. C. B. R. Sargent has been  
appointed Headmaster of the Dio-  
cesan Boys' School in succession  
to the Rev. W. T. Penhagton, re-  
signed.

Mr. Sargent was a scholar of  
St. Catharine's College, Cam-  
bridge, where he took a First  
Class in Natural Science, and is  
at present Science Master at Wel-  
lington College, England.

It is expected that Mr. Sargent  
will be arriving in Hongkong  
during the early part of June.

all surprising to find Ho and Yew  
retaliate to win the following  
set. The Chinese pair fell  
away rather badly in the third  
set, but subsequently the ex-  
changes brightened up consider-  
ably and eventually produced the  
best tennis of the afternoon. Ho  
and his partner actually broke  
through to lead 4-2, but Fincher  
and Goldman asserted themselves  
and recovered from a bad position.  
Games went with service, after  
some excellent rallies in the course  
of which all four players were  
seen to advantage, until the four-  
teenth, when the Kowloon man,  
benefitting from a doubtful deci-  
sion, broke through to win set  
and match.

## The results were:

Open Doubles.  
(Semi-final).  
E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman beat  
Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit 4-3, 3-6,  
6-2, 8-6.

Club Championship.  
(Semi-final).  
A. L. Sullivan beat Y. V. Segalen  
8-6, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "A."  
H. Foley beat J. Lecky 6-0, 6-3.

Handicap Doubles.  
Rodger and Rodger beat Ferguson  
and Wilson 6-3, 7-6.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.  
Redmond and Mrs. James beat  
Gordon and Miss Thomas 6-4, 6-4.

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Open Singles.  
(Semi-final Replay).  
S. A. Rumjahn v. M. W. Lo (Stand  
Court, 4.15 p.m.).

Club Championship Final.  
A. L. Sullivan v. L. Goldman.

Handicap Singles "B."  
Beck v. Clarke.

Penn v. Lamford.

Handicap Doubles.  
Ride and Harkins v. Lecky and  
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## CATHEDRAL HALL FUNCTION.

REV. AND MRS. H. V. KOOP LEAVING.

A large number of friends and well-wishers gathered at the Cathedral Hall yesterday afternoon to say farewell to Rev. H. V. and Mrs. Koop, who are leaving Hongkong to-day after over four years in the Colony.

In opening his address to the assemblage, the Dean of St. John's Cathedral, the Very Rev. A. Swann M.A., D.S.C., said that he felt he must say something in recognition of Mr. Koop's efforts in the Colony. "The week has been rather a melancholy one for us," he said, "because we have lost to-day the Cathedral Treasurer, Mr. Sutcliffe, who is proceeding to Shanghai, and to-morrow Mr. and Mrs. Koop are leaving us. Next day, the Bishop and Mrs. Duppy will be gone. It will be rather a calamitous week for those who are left."

"I feel I must say something in recognition of the difference Mr. Koop has made to the life of the Colony during the past four years. I am afraid we will find very soon what a real loss the congregation will sustain. For Mr. Koop has been invaluable, enriching the services of the Cathedral, and in his attention to detail. He has helped in making changes to the building itself, and his preaching has been consistently thoughtful, and very much valued by those people who have been able to listen to him. In connexion with music, he has been in charge almost solely during the time he has been here. He has had the very arduous task of choosing the hymns, and has put very real thought into the work."

"It is hardly necessary to say what Mr. Koop has done about the St. John's Review. He has not only been editor, but has attended to the finances, and kept them on the right side."

"Both Mr. and Mrs. Koop have been very painstaking and hospitable in the way they have welcomed the large number of people, particularly the younger members of the congregation. They have made contacts with many people of the different departments and have seen many missionaries and entered into their life. Sick visiting has been regular and painstaking, and I know that Mr. Koop has been very helpful to the sick."

"I think their departure is going to be a very great loss, and feel sure that everyone will agree with me in this. I wish them every happiness in the future, both in the ministry and home."

**Sentiments Endorsed.**  
Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., in the course of a brief address, endorsed most sincerely the remarks made by the Dean in praise of the friends who were shortly to leave. "We are very sorry indeed that they are going away, and are also sorry to think that there are poor prospects of their returning."

On behalf of the subscribers of the Goodwill Farewell Fund, Sir Henry, amid applause, presented a cheque to Mr. Koop, and assured him that both Mrs. Koop and himself carried the best wishes of all for their future happiness.

Master Jones made a charming speech on behalf of the young members of the Choir, and on their behalf a presentation was made to Mr. Koop by Master Brindley.

In replying to the eulogistic speeches, Mr. Koop said that, in looking back upon the four years he had spent in Hongkong, he felt very grateful that the opportunity had come to leave England and see something of abroad. "Looking back now," he said, "I feel that the experience has so enriched life, that I feel sure it was the job to which it was intended I should come. Both my wife and I are extraordinarily sorry to be leaving you and this beautiful place. It is difficult to leave the place, difficult to leave you people, and difficult to leave the Cathedral. It was very nice of the Choir to have been here to-day and to have made their presentation. I can assure them that I shall value it. I can truthfully say that I have always looked forward to Choir practice on Wednesday nights, and I do think that the Cathedral has been extraordinarily fortunate in having the organist it has got."

"One of the most difficult things to do is to leave the Dean. He has been a tower of strength to me, as I know he has been to others who have given him their confidences. He is the first Dean, and has made of his office something that will leave its mark upon Hongkong. I cannot tell you what it has meant to Mrs. Koop and myself to have the door of his home constantly open to us, and I would like to say what a joy and a blessing it has been to have shared the atmosphere of their most Christian home."

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## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(Continued from Page 2.)

"A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to opium." He said: This Bill is a consolidating Bill with amendments indicated in the table of correspondence attached to it, and one new section. Section 14, which has been put in consequence of the Bangkok Opium Agreement. That section forbids the sale or purchase of opium by minors and their possession, and sub-section two makes it an offence to aid, abet, counsel or procure any such sale, purchase, smoking or possession. Such section, in consequence of the agreement, makes aiding and abetting a specific offence, but it is not really necessary that the sub-section should be inserted because there is ample provision in the law to deal with aiders and abettors, either under Section 37 of the Magistrates' Ordinance, or under Section 7 of Ordinance Number 14 of 1929. When the Bill goes into Committee I would like to move corrections in the clauses three and four and to the schedule by deleting the word "first." There is only one schedule now. The second schedule was repealed by the principal ordinance was repealed in 1924 and is not attached. The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second time.

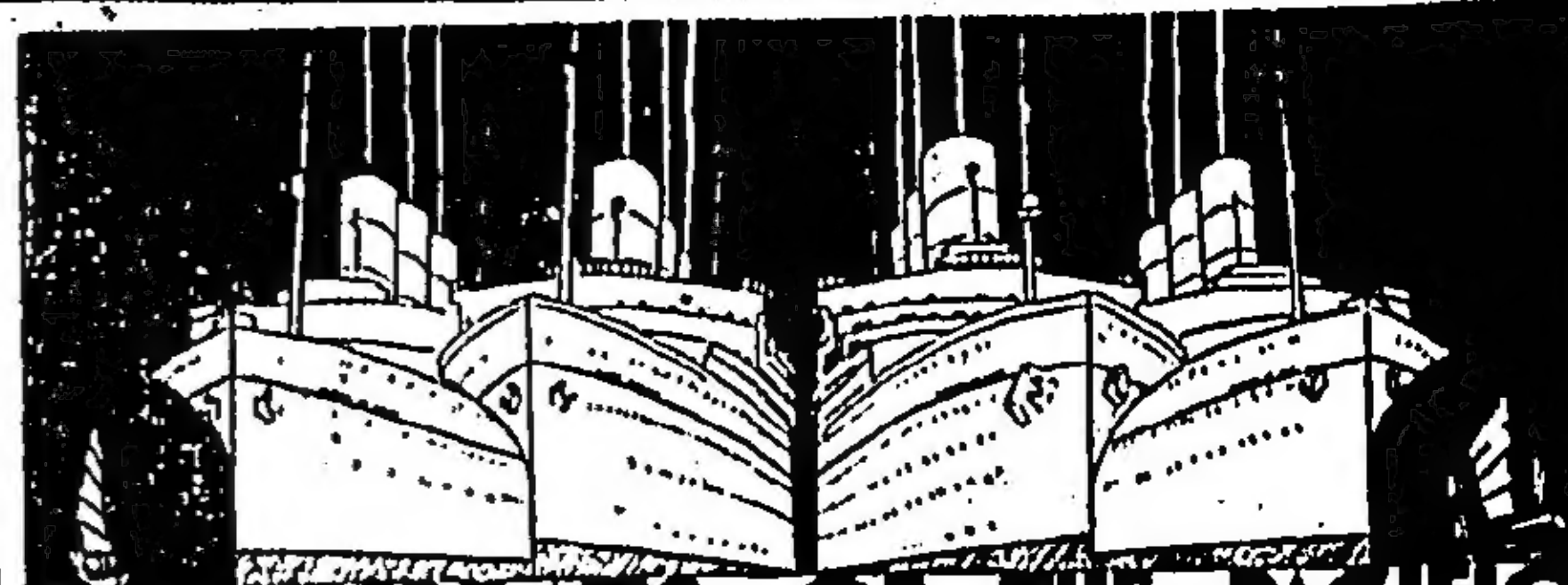
**Bill Passed.**  
Council went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause when several immaterial amendments as outlined by the Attorney General above, were approved, after which the Bill was read a third time and passed.

**Needs of Children at Kowloon Tong.**

After some discussion on children's playgrounds, when the claims of Kowloon Tong were put forward by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, members of the Finance Committee, at a meeting which followed, approved votes totalling \$123,946.

On a vote for \$5,500 for the forming of a children's playground at Kowloon, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga asked: Is this provision in pursuance of the Government's policy for preserving open spaces in Kowloon?

evening to say good-bye, and for the presentations, which will be a memento of our stay in Hongkong. Thank you all, very much indeed, and I do hope we will be able to keep in touch with one another, and that we shall be able to see you from time to time."



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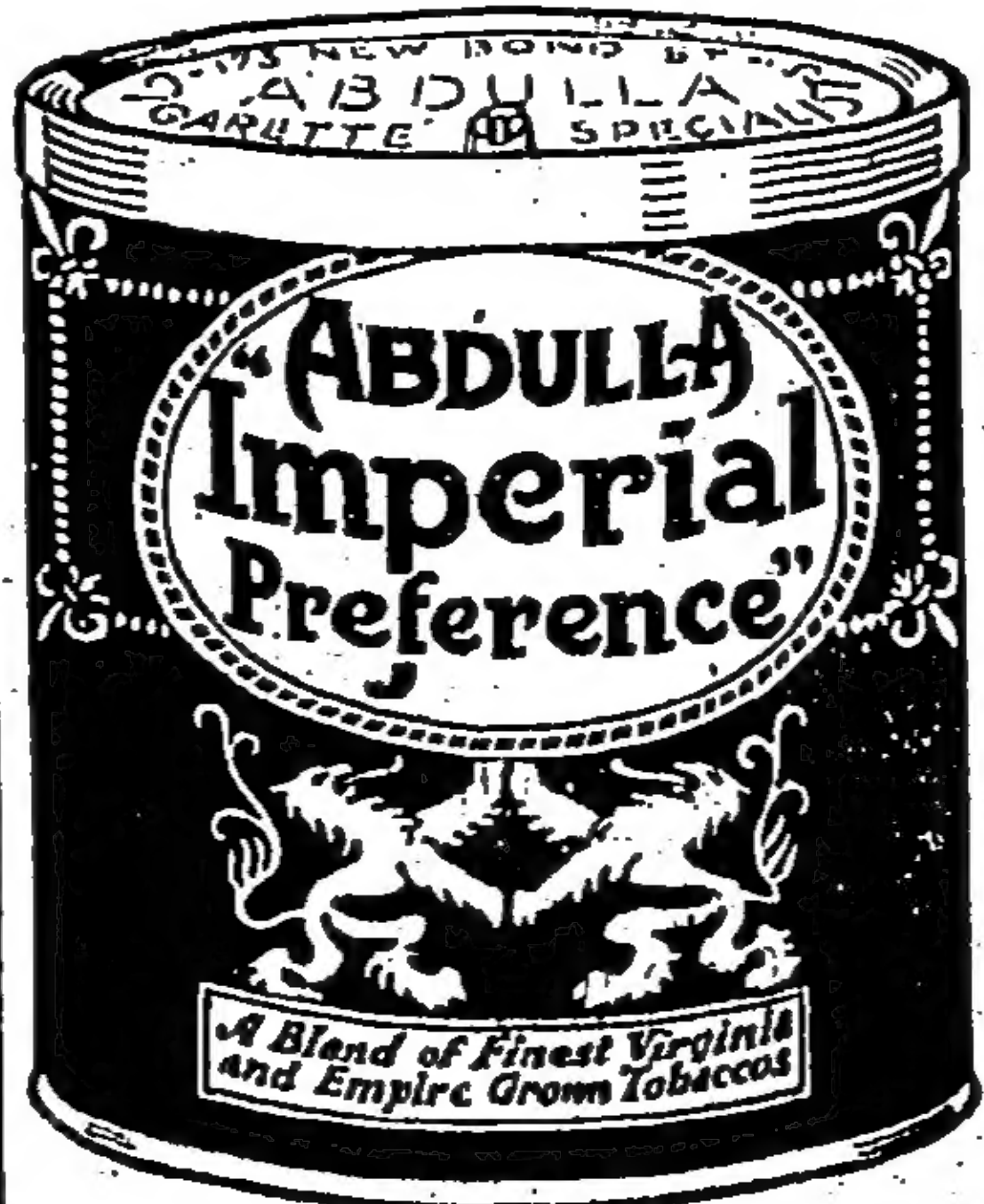
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## THE DIME-A-DANCE GIRL.

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Myra's slim, brown fingers tossed on Ellen's arm; her face was stiff with apprehension. "No, I didn't accept him, if that's what you mean. I don't love him," Ellen responded carelessly. She added, "It seems to me that you're awfully anxious to keep me from falling in love. Isn't that one of the things that other girls do?"

She glanced innocently at her sister.

"Oh, Ellen, it's not that and you know it's not!" Myra protested helplessly, half-laughing. "It's only—Tom Shannenberg can't even support himself. He has nothing now and never will have anything. He's just one of those men."

"I know that. Still, if I loved him I don't believe I'd let it make any difference," Ellen said seriously.

A little pucker marked her low, broad forehead. Her eyes were sweet and thoughtful.

"I know money is important," she conceded. "Awfully important in lots of ways. But when you think of love"—she flushed youthfully—"why all at once it's just nothing."

"Ellen," Myra spoke with desperate earnestness, "money is so

important in love that without it—some money I mean, not a lot—love itself is nothing."

"I don't for a minute believe it!"

"Look at me and you'll believe it. Lack of money has robbed me of nine years of my life. If there had been any way under heaven for Bert and me to marry when we wanted to, by now I'd have had a home—children—all the things a woman wants. Instead—"

She broke off, appalled at what she had been about to put into words. Not even to Ellen could she admit that of late Bert had seemed oddly restless and changed, bored at talk of that far-away marriage. She laughed nervously, apologetically.

Ellen, uncomfortable but still vaguely holding her own opinion, hastened to change the subject.

"That dress looks awfully well on you," she said, looking approvingly at her sister. "Better, I'm sure, than it ever looked on whichever cousin wore it."

Myra glanced down at her light-blue voile, beautifully cut, freshly laundered and indeed becoming to her pale blondeness.

"I wouldn't have bought it," she said. "I don't like short sleeves. But it has certainly been handy."

"That's the trouble with things given to you," Ellen agreed. She added joyfully, "Still it's nice of Aunt Myra to keep on sending

things. Most of them are scarcely worn."

She sighed a little at the vision of joyous youth presented by her own words, a vision of gay and pretty girls who could discard their frocks because they were tired of them. There were certainly points to having money.

"It is nice of her," Myra admitted in a low voice. "Even," she added with a laugh not so amused as she meant it to be, "if she never sends black and you have to wear black at the store."

Myra hesitated and went on with a sideways glance at Ellen. "I do think she might come to see us sometime. She's been in New York several times. I know. I've read about her in the society columns. But then, we haven't a telephone."

Both girls were silent. Both knew that if their wealthy English aunt, whom neither had ever seen, really desired a meeting she could arrange one with the aid of a two-cent stamp. Myra's comment was only an evasion to save their pride. They strolled on, two pretty girls linked arm in arm, through the hot summer sunshine, down the dirty, shabby street. Ellen, in spite of herself, felt her spirits sinking. They reached the subway station that would part them.

"Do you still believe," Myra asked in a discouraged way, "that some day we'll have things? The things our cousins have? Cars and country clubs and a chance to enjoy being young? Or are we just fooling ourselves?"

"Something's bound to happen. Our ship will come in—it may be just around the corner," Ellen responded with vague, forced cheerfulness.

"That ship sank long ago," Myra said sharply, her bitterness and anger returning in full force. "We sank with it. How are you and I ever going to get married? Where are you going to meet a man good enough for you?"

"At Dreamland, maybe," Ellen dimly tried to stop her sister. But Myra ignored the interruption.

"I believe we'll always be spending every nickel before it's earned. It'll be like this forever. Mother will get older and more irresponsible. Bert and I will go on and on. Mike will grow up and get the same sort of job we have. It's just no use trying."

"Oh Myra, Myra!" Ellen protested staunchly. "Where's your sense of proportion? All this because I'm going to work at night for a few weeks! Of course things will get better. We're only having our hard times now instead of later. It's been hardest on you. But you'll be married first thing you know and forget how long it was. Just wait."

"I'm 26."

"Then don't act as if you're 96," Ellen ran down the subway steps and plunged through the turnstile. (To be Continued.)

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## HOHENZOLLERN POLITICIANS.

**Ex-Crown Prince & Presidency.**

### FATHER'S BAN.

Berlin, Apr. 7.  
How the ex-Crown Prince's candidature for the German presidential election was quashed by the ex-Kaiser, is revealed in the Monarchist newspaper, *Fredericus* to-day.

The article states that the leaders of the National Opposition approached the ex-Crown Prince and asked him whether he was willing to stand for nomination.

He expressed willingness for his own part, but said he would prefer to refer the matter to the ex-Kaiser at Doorn. The ex-Kaiser refused permission.

It will be recalled that there were widespread rumours a month ago that the ex-Crown Prince would join Hindenburg's rivals.

### Prince August's Nomination.

The interest now being taken by the ex-Kaiser's sons in German politics is further shown by the fact that Prince August Wilhelm, the fourth son, is numbered seven in the electoral list of the Nazis for the Prussian Diet elections, which take place on April 24.

This is equivalent to becoming a Deputy in the Prussian Diet in which he will be the first Hohenzollern to sit.—*Reuter*.

**SENIOR CROWN AGENT.**

**UGANDA GOVERNOR CHOSEN.**

London, Apr. 7.  
Sir William Frederick Gowers has been appointed Senior Crown Agent for the Colonies in the place of Sir Henry C. M. Lambert, who is retiring.

Sir William Gowers has been Governor of the Uganda Protectorate since 1925. He entered the Colonial Office in 1902, served with the Cameroon Expeditionary Force in 1915-16, and was appointed Lieut.-Governor of Nigeria in 1921.

Sir Henry Lambert has been Senior Crown Agent since 1921, prior to which he was for some years Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Colonel Fleming has been appointed Fourth Crown Agent for the Colonies and Engineer-in-Chief, in succession to Colonel Sir James Carmichael, who is shortly retiring.—*Reuter and British Wireless*.

## UNITED STATES & DISARMAMENT.

**NO MANCHURIA THREAT.**

Washington, Apr. 7.  
A number of changes in the original nine-point disarmament plan advanced by the United States at Geneva is now contemplated, according to Mr. H. L. Stimson, who is leaving for Europe to-morrow.

He stated that the prospective alterations have already been discussed by the Cabinet, the object being to harmonise the American plan with the programmes of other Powers.

No denied reports which have been published in Washington to the effect that he proposed to take up the position that the United States would be unable to reduce armaments while Japan is still in Manchuria.—*Reuter*.

**WOMAN FIGHTS MOTHER-IN-LAW.**

**ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE ALLEGED.**

Following a fight with her mother-in-law, a Chinese woman of Shaukiwan rushed to the Police Station and reported that the elder woman had cut her throat in an attempt to commit suicide. The police on reserve were turned out and just as Inspector G. A. Stimson was about to leave the station the mother-in-law appeared with a wound on her head.

The two women had apparently had a fight over money matters and although the mother-in-law accused her daughter-in-law of having struck her over the head with a piece of wood, the daughter informed the police that the elder woman had cut herself with a chopper, in an attempt to commit suicide.

The police found a 'chopper' containing what appeared to be bloodstains, but it was impossible to discover how the wound had been inflicted.

When charging the two women before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, Inspector Stimson said the elder woman was apparently the aggressor, but the police were asking his Worship to bind both defendants over.

Each defendant was ordered to sign a bond of \$50 to be of good behaviour.

London, Apr. 7.

In the House of Commons the Home Secretary foreshadowed a Royal Commission to enquire into the law of sweepstakes and lotteries, before the Government would be able to consider any alteration to the law.—*Reuter*.

## SWEETSHOP RIOT IN YAUMATI.

**Children Taken Ill Suddenly.**

### RIOT SQUAD OUT.

A minor riot, with a most unusual origin, occurred at Yaumati last night, when a large crowd gathered in front of a Chinese candy shop at 486, Shanghai Street and began to stone the premises.

Earlier in the evening, it appears, three young children had purchased sweets from the shop, and shortly afterwards, they were removed by their parents to the Kwong Wah Hospital, having been taken ill through some poisonous substance which is alleged to have been present in the candy.

At about 8 o'clock a crowd began to congregate in front of the store, their interest having been excited by the story, and the affair assumed a serious aspect when the crowd became threatening.

The shop folks hurriedly put up the shutters and barricaded themselves in the shop while a hail of missiles rained on the closed doors.

An Emergency Unit called to the scene quickly restored order, and the crowd dispersed.

The three children taken to hospital are Leung Yuk-ngan (9), a girl; Leung Kam (6) her younger sister; and Leung Ping-sheung (4), a boy. Their conditions is not considered serious.

**INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE.**

**INCREASE IN FEES OPPOSED.**

Geneva, Apr. 7.  
An increase in the contributions to the International Labour Office of the League of Nations was proposed by M. Jouhaux (France) on behalf of the workers' group at a meeting of the Governing Body of the Office to-day.

He declared that the contributions by the States were extremely small when compared with the amount spent on armaments.

The employers' group pointed out that the industries of the States were unable to support any further taxation.

The British and German Government delegates adopted a negative attitude towards the proposal.—*Reuter*.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has dispersed, leaving a pressure highest in the Eastern Sea and relatively low over Indo-China. Local forecast:—East winds, moderate; cloudy, fog, mist or light rain.

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